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Diaspora Jews stand strong on Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Representatives of world Jewry signified their identification with Jerusalem last week by signing a symbolic covenant in a ceremony at the home of President Ezer Weizman.

The signing ceremony — conducted in Hebrew, English and French — took place Wednesday on Jerusalem Day, the 26th anniversary of the city's reunification.

The event was part of a three-day international conference on Jerusalem intended to demonstrate world Jewish solidarity with a united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and the Jewish people.

Leaders from 70 countries attend

The conference drew more than a thousand Jewish leaders from some 70 countries.

Several said they felt the conference sent a clear and unified message to the world that Jerusalem's status is not negotiable. And they said the message comes at a pivotal time in light of concessions Israel will be called on to make in the current peace talks.

At the ceremony at the president's residence, Weizman said the signing of the covenant by leaders of world Jewry reaffirmed the link between Jews in the Diaspora and Israel.

But he also said that "the future of Jewry is in Israel. This is the only place."

Weizman recalled "the miracle" of the 1967 Six-Day War, in which he was a key commander, and which resulted in the liberation of Jerusalem's Old City from Jordanian hands.

"We Israelis who'd lived 19 years with a divided Jerusalem had dreamed constantly, one day to find ourselves at the Kotel, to find ourselves in East Jerusalem," he said, using the Hebrew name for the Western Wall.

The pilots, he recalled, could see the Wall from the air, "and we couldn't even touch it."

Shoshana Cardin, former chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, addressed the gathering, saying Diaspora Jews had come to "reaffirm the pledge" that "Jerusalem is the eternal united capital of Medinat Yisrael and the eternal capital of the Jewish people."

But urging that actions match words, she called upon Jewish leaders to go back to their respective countries and push for diplomatic recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's political capital.

Lester Pollack, current chair of the Conference of Presidents, signed the covenant during the ceremony on behalf of North American Jewry. After the ceremony, he said the event "manifests the clear, unequivocal view of world Jewry that Jerusalem is central — spiritually and politically.

"Lots of things are relegated to the Israelis to decide," he said, "but the status of Jerusalem is for world Jewry to decide. This brings the message home."

The conference ended Wednesday evening with an outdoor ceremony on Ammunition Hill, the site of one of the critical battles of the Six-Day War. There, under a starry night illuminated in part by torchlight, copies of the Jerusalem covenant signed by Jewish communities around the world were presented to Weizman.

The signed covenants will form a "Book of Communities," to be housed at the Western Wall.

The gathering was addressed by Weizman; Mendel Kaplan, chairman of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors; and Jean Kahn, president of the European Jewish Congress.

The conference was also used as an opportunity to launch "Jerusalem 3,000," a celebration of the trimillennial anniversary of King David's choice of Jerusalem as the capital of the "Kingdom of Israel."

Meanwhile, Jerusalem's streets were filled Wednesday with thousands of students, soldiers and other citizens, who converged upon the city from all over the country in the customary marches and assemblies to mark the holiday.

Paratroopers remembered at Hill ceremony

Ammunition Hill was the site of the city's main remembrance ceremony in honor of the paratroopers who fell during the 1967 war. Of the 784 soldiers killed in the six days of battle, nearly a third fell in the fight for Jerusalem.

In New York, meanwhile, Jerusalem Day was marked Wednesday with a "message of hope and peace" flashed all day on the giant Sony video screen in Times Square.

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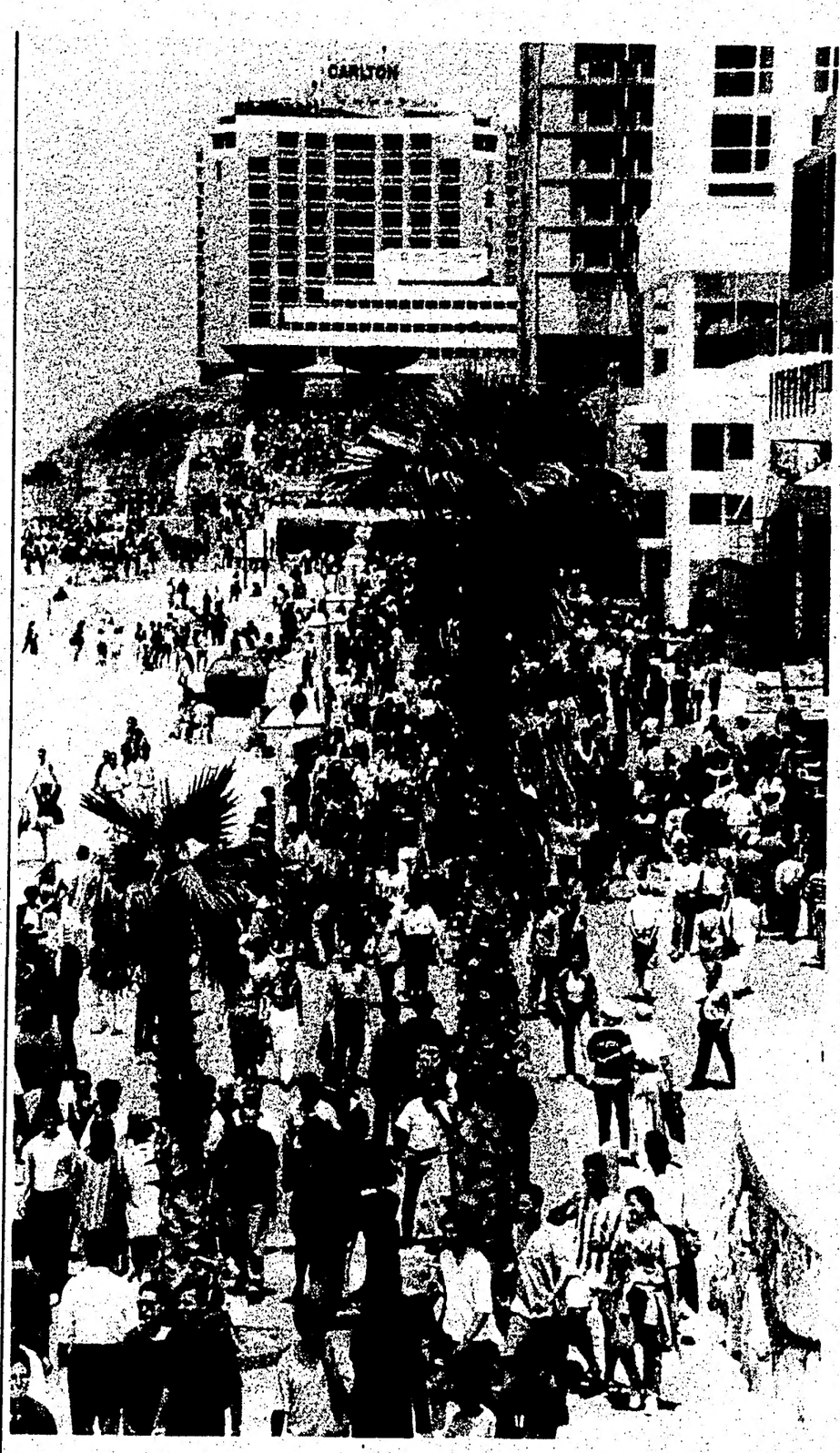

WHERE'S WALDO?

Thousands of Israelis and tourists enjoy a stroll along the beach front at Tel Aviv [IPPA photo]

Stormy meeting rocks Show Boat

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — A move to boycott *Show Boat* was defeated by the North York Board of Education May 19 but the board added a rider that the musical must be seen and approved by board officials before giving the green light for students to see it, and that the students must attend pre-theatre and post-theatre educational sessions on the play.

The boycott motion by Trustee Stephnie Payne was defeated 10 to 3 and the vote was greeted by shouts of "shame, shame," by the largely black audience which packed the chamber and balcony. One audience member shouted, "if you let *Show Boat* in the schools then Ernest Zundel must be let in the schools."

Another man standing near him shouted: "You've just burned a cross in here."

It was a raucous meeting with 27 speakers from the audience, most of them in favor of Trustee Payne's motion, saying the musical presents a stereotypical view of blacks. After the vote, people milled around in the hall arguing, and there was so much noise inside the chamber that chair Elsa Chandler called a long recess.

She threatened to halt the meeting at another point when heavy heckling erupted as Courtney Doldron, a 43-year-old black high school teacher for Metro Separate School Board, said he favors *Show Boat* being viewed.

It was only after an appeal to the balcony by Payne that the crowd quieted and Doldron was permitted to speak.

What led to the audience outburst was Doldron's statement that "certain blacks have pitted two communities against each other." He added: "They themselves have met secretly and have said 'bring down the Jews.' I'll name names."

There was a shout of "stop it," and chair Chandler asked the speaker "not to inflame the situation."

But Doldron explained that the board ruled that he not be permitted to read a letter to the board chair explaining his position and that he was bringing up the "black-Jewish issue" to meet the board's direction to deal with only new material.

"I want to see *Show Boat* and I have three kids in the North York school system and I don't want their artistic abilities to be limited," Doldron said.

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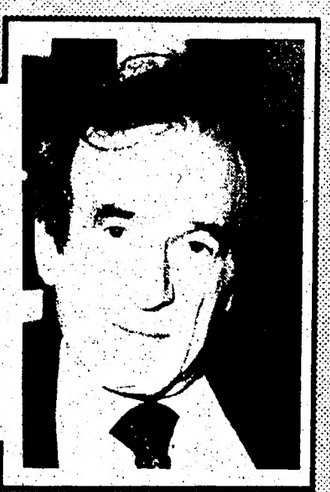

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Children of survivors gather to air concerns

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — There is a whole "subculture" surrounding children of Holocaust survivors but it has only surfaced in the last 25 years, noted author Helen Epstein told a day-long conference for the second generation here last week.

That subculture "continues to imbue" the lives of Jews as well as young Germans, said Epstein, author of the acclaimed 1979 study of the second generation, *Children of the Holocaust: Conversations with Sons and Daughters of Survivors.*

Even some children of former Nazis "are dealing" with their past, Epstein, herself a child of survivors, told the conference, entitled Generation to Generation.

Many children of survivors, she added, have channeled their feelings into positive outlets in the political, artistic and educational fields.

The conference, the first of its kind in Toronto, brought together some 125 children of survivors, ranging from their late 20s to their mid-40s, for a day of getting in touch with feelings, airing common concerns and preparing to pass the information on to their children.

Epstein's book, which struck a tremendous chord when it appeared 14 years ago, hastened the formation of dozens of groups for the second generation in Canada and the United States.

In the late 1960s, when Epstein first began thinking about the project, children of survivors "were invisible. The Jewish world seemed unaware of survivor families," she said.

In 1966, psychiatrist Dr. Vivian Rakoff, then in Montreal, pioneered a study of how Holocaust survivors' experiences and emotional states affected their children. Rakoff's small sample grew to 144 people by 1972 and the research spread to Israel and the United States, Epstein said.

Epstein did not discuss the research, which has often arrived at different conclusions. Some studies have suggested that the traumatic experiences of survivors have had little or no effect on their children while others maintain that children of survivors are affected by their parents' psychological scars more than they realize.

In June 1977, Epstein wrote a magazine article on how children of survivors were coping with their parents' painful legacy. She received "hundreds" of letters from those children, as well as mail from Vietnam veterans, children of Nazis and descendants of survivors of the attempted Armenian genocide.

That article was expanded into her book, which "many children of survivors still cannot bring themselves to read. It's just too painful." The book has been translated in Italy, Germany and Japan but curiously, not in Israel or France, she noted.

Her voice cracking with emotion, Epstein recounted how she received a letter from a German teacher researching a book on a concentration camp where Czech Jewish women had been interned. It turned out that Epstein's mother was a prisoner at that camp.

Since the late 1970s, when the "first stages of consciousness" surfaced among the second generation, children of survivors have dealt with their feelings in a "highly personal and individual" way. "Some people deal with it. Some are not ready. The stages are different for everyone."

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Why those stages are different for everyone was the subject of one of the workshops held following Epstein's remarks. Presided over by Pat Lieberman, a social worker with Jewish Family and Child Service, participants tried to sort out their feelings, focusing on why they have always felt different than children whose parents were non-survivors.

One common thread, Lieberman told *The CJN*, was the need felt by many children to protect their parents from harm. As well, many children of survivors spoke of their parents' overprotectiveness, suspicion and high level of expectation of their children.

However, those traits, Lieberman explained, can be ascribed to any parents and not just survivors.

The workshop stayed away from treating children of survivors as mental patients and focused instead on the strong sense of family passed to them from their parents and on coping mechanisms that work, Lieberman noted.

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For Debbie Tessler-Glina, 37, it was the camaraderie and the "connections" she felt at the conference that made it worthwhile.

"There's a whole other side to the second generation," she said. "There's a lot of effort to channel our feelings in a positive direction and an effort to shift the discussion to our strengths, not weaknesses."

Even so, much of the discussion still focused on the guilt and sadness many children felt about their survivor parents, she added.

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Indeed, there was "a lot of pain" shared at the conference, which struck a deep chord in Margie Marmor, 46.

Like many children of survivors, "I'm working out the pain but it's not affecting my daily life," said Marmor, a teacher. "This is a beginning of a process that is very much needed in Toronto," where an estimated 37 percent of the Jewish population is comprised of children of Holocaust survivors.

"A lot of us are still trying to work out our feelings. We have different needs and different levels of concern. And a lot of us have accepted who we are and work with it."

Marmor, who was born in Bergen-Belsen two years after the camp's liberation, feels the conference found a wellspring of untapped emotions.

"The strongest part for me was to hear the stories [others told] and to make a connection with that person."

There was resentment expressed too, at being viewed by many professionals, especially therapists and psychiatrists, as neurotics who carry excessive psychological baggage, Marmor noted.

Helen Epstein autographs copies of her groundbreaking book, Children of the Holocaust, at last week's conference for the second generation. Organizers are hoping to make the conference an annual event.

"We're not pathological people," she said.

Nevertheless, Marmor discovered that some children of survivors still harbor a lot of anger toward their parents, particularly where they faced violence in the home.

So there is still much rage, guilt and suspicion children of survivors need to get out of their system.

Despite that, "because we are the children of survivors, we are survivors ourselves. We have the skills of survival. And there are those of us who are stronger because of it."

York gets funds for Jewish studies

By DEE KRAMER

TORONTO — York University and Concordia University have received funding for a joint program of Canadian Jewish studies.

Gerry Weiner, minister of multiculturalism and citizenship, announced the split grant program, saying he felt that "it was one of the things I had to make sure was in place" before his Conservative government's mandate expired later this year.

The Ministry of Multiculturalism and Citizenship has given the two universities a grant of $250,000 each, plus research money. There is a condition that York's Centre for Jewish Studies must raise a further $500,000 from the community.

Dr. Sydney Eisen, the centre's director, was unable to attend the formal announcement ceremony because of illness. He later told *The CJN* that he could raise $1.5 million.

The two universities will share information and resources. "We will remain autonomous, but in various areas of research, and for certain events, we will be working together," said Eisen.

With the money, the York program can offer students a chance to learn more about Canadian Judaism. "The Centre has a strong Canadian core," said Eisen. "This grant will fund the study of the Jewish community in Canada, Canada-Israeli relations, the Holocaust and Canada."

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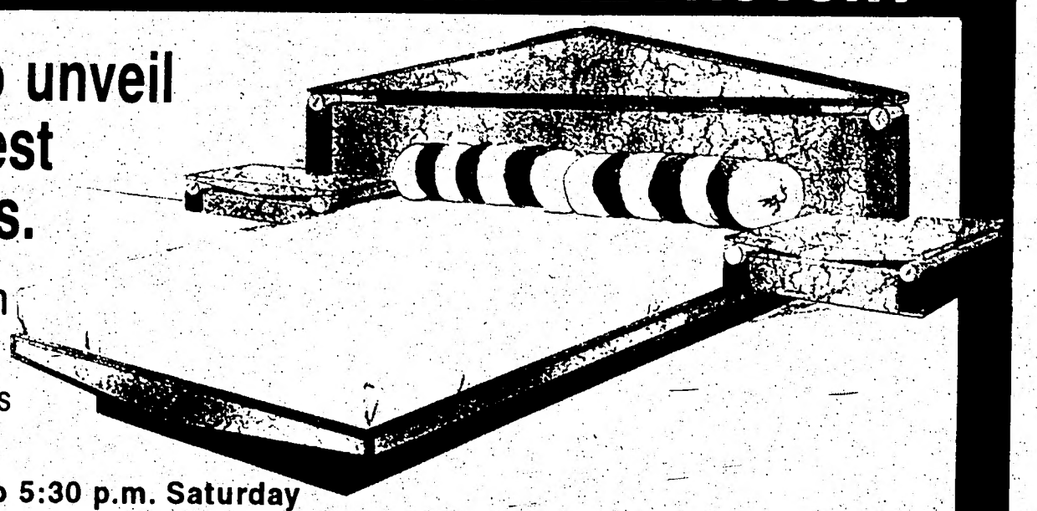

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Payne opposed to Show Boat

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In reply to questions from Trustee Diane Meaghan, the black teacher said "I'm on nobody's payroll," and denied an allegation in a community newspaper that he had been hired by the *Show Boat* producing company.

When Meaghan asked him under what circumstances he had left employment with the North York board, chair Chandler advised him not to answer.

Debbie Berlin, who described herself as a Jewish feminist, said she opposed opening the North York Performing Arts Centre with *Show Boat* and said Garth Drabinsky (the producer) did not speak for her.

Two black actors, Michael Danso and Adriene Luces, did not support the boycott motion, Luces adding that he had auditioned for the show but failed.

During the debate, Payne, who earlier had apologized for her statement that it was mostly Jews who put on plays denigrating blacks, said she is not against black actors taking part in *Show Boat* and is not trying to stop the play, but is against any children seeing it.

The "black-Jewish issue" was referred to by several speakers. A few said Jews were ungrateful to blacks who had rescued them from concentration camps. "I feel sorry for the Jews who think they can play 'monkey in the middle' in this thing," said Darlene Henderson. Then turning to look at board members, she said: "You look so much alike that in the revolution no one will be able to tell the difference. If black people want to stop *Show Boat* they can do it."

Lot of anger

Al Mercury, a black who is chief adviser to the North York race relations committee, said: "Any statement that Trustee Payne has done a disservice to the black community is an act of racism. The issue is not Stephnie Payne, the issue is *Show Boat*. The basic intent of the show is not to educate but to make money for entrepreneurs. There is not one redeeming response to the issue of miscegenation raised in the play. The board must not advocate or promote it."

"There is a lot of anger and a lot of racism here," said Nigel Blumenthal, who noted that being Jewish and white he was in a minority at the meeting, "There is Jewish racism, white Protestant racism and black racism, but Trustee Payne's motion is wrong."

During the debate, Trustee Errol Young, who supported Payne's motion, took off his jacket to reveal a T shirt which said: *Show Boat* Hurts."

A spokesman for Live Entertainment of Canada (Livent) said Drabinsky has hired Henry Louis Gates, Jr., department chair of Afro-American Studies at Harvard University to be the primary consultant for the show's educational program.

Dennis Kucherawy, communications director for Livent distributed letters from Edward Greenspan, J. Robert S. Prichard, president of the University of Toronto, and Allan Slaight, president of Standard Broadcasting, opposing any attempt to censor *Show Boat*.

Grim Mideast future seen if peace talks unsuccessful

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO — Chemical and biological warfare is what Israel faces if it does not reach a peace agreement with its Arab neighbors, warns the president of the American Friends of Peace Now.

"We're not talking about coming to an agreement in which Israel gives up everything and the Arab states have no responsibility in return and are not held to certain standards," said Gail Pressberg during a stormy gathering at the OISE building that sometimes seemed about to erupt into a donnybrook.

Peace Now concurs with the Israeli government's decision to overturn its longstanding policy not to accept a Palestinian negotiator from East Jerusalem, Pressberg said. She emphasized that Peace Now was interested in negotiating a peace agreement, not in debating the process.

"One of the major concerns of the Israeli prime minister and foreign minister, and a theme you hear in the press, is that Israel has to strengthen the current Palestinian delegation as a way to overcome the support of Islamic radical forces that go under the banner of Hamas."

The Palestinian delegates to the peace talks are "weak and inexperienced," she said. "They do not have the institutions of government that Israel and some of the other Arab states have. Palestine has no foreign minister or defence ministry, and no staff to develop position papers."

Prime Minister Rabin has allowed Faisal Husseini, a Palestinian from East Jerusalem, to join the peace talks "not in the Palestinian interest but because he [Rabin] wants a stronger Palestinian delegation so as not to live next door to a Hamas entity."

Pressberg reported that Palestinians have made concessions in kind. "The Palestinians have said that they understand that they won't get all they want in one fell swoop. They've agreed in principle to an interim stage, without knowing from the start how much territory they'll get and without having full control over all aspects of their lives," she said.

The Palestinians have "begun to use language we haven't heard before," she said. "For the first time, they are saying that we both have to come out of these negotiations in a win-win situation. They're talking about a solution that involves living next door to Israel in a co-operative agreement."

Unless the Palestinians demonstrate in the first interim phase of self-rule that they can prevent acts of terrorism against Jews, "no Israeli government would move into the second stage of negotiations or give up any territory," Pressberg said. "It's as clear as that."

Pressberg faced a rude interruption when a man commandeered the mike at the back of the room and began angrily criticizing the policies of Peace Now. Refusing to be shouted down by the crowd, he surrendered the mike only after moderator David Rotenberg, co-chair of the Israel Affairs committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress, asked someone to fetch the police to escort him out.

The same person was permitted to speak after Pressberg concluded her half-hour talk. His first comment: how could supporters of Peace Now, which opposed deporting Palestinian terrorists from Israel, dare expel him from the room? "You're kicking the Jews out of Israel!" he charged. "You're a whore for Yasser Arafat! The Arab nations are 22 countries. Why don't they take the Palestinians!"

He was the first of several vociferous critics whose comments sparked a barrage of angry shouts from the crowd of about 175 people. "Why do you call yourselves Peace Now?" asked one man. "Do you think you're the only ones concerned about peace? I think you should call yourselves Surrender Now."

"Who says that because the Arabs have chemical and biological weapons, therefore we should withdraw?" asked a man who identified himself as a Palestinian Jew living on the West Bank. "Maybe we in Canada and the United States should pressure our government to stop selling these weapons."

One person criticized Rotenberg for implying, in his introduction of Pressberg, that Israel and the West Bank were — or should be — politically separate territories. "Goodness me, whose side are you on? I think you should resign," he said.

Rotenberg rebutted that he had merely quoted an introduction that Pressberg had prepared. "I did not mean to imply that the West Bank and Gaza were not part of Israel," he said. "That's not my view nor the view of Canadian Jewish Congress."

One man made an eloquent plea for Jewish unity, while the next asked whether the Arabs should have the democratic right to vote Israel out of existence. "Bravo! Bravo!" came a cheer from the rear of the politically divided crowd.

During one shouting match, profanities and cries of "Don't you use that language with me!" were heard. Several people said they were appalled by the rudeness and lack of decorum in the room, and many simply left. Apparently disgusted, a woman rose to leave, shaking her head and exclaiming, "And what about Jerusalem?"

"That's not important to them," someone retorted.

Rotenberg imposed a two-minute rule on comments after one person after another seemed determined to make speeches. The rule was not closely followed, but it inspired calls of "Your time is up!" from increasingly irate members of the audience. One gentleman became the self-appointed guardian of one of the aisle microphones, dexterously withdrawing it from people who violated either his politics or the two-minute rule.

"I'd like to thank the Canadian Jewish Congress for co-sponsoring this meeting," said a young woman who was possibly the most courteous person in the room. "I hope it doesn't put you off doing it again."

After public comment was cut off, Simon Rosenblum, program coordinator for Canadian Friends of Peace Now, apologized to Pressberg and said that Canadians were not always so rude. Mel Shipman, president of the Canadian organization, said, "I'm less kind than Simon to deliberate disruption." He said the behavior in the room had been "obnoxious and intolerable."

As the crowd dispersed, three of the most vocal critics of Peace Now began singing *Hatikvah*. Most others ignored them in their haste to leave.

"The biggest problem that Israel faces is ignorance on the part of some Jewish people," one man told *The CJN*. He identified himself as a member of a recently-formed local organization called Jews for Peace, But Not Piece By Piece.

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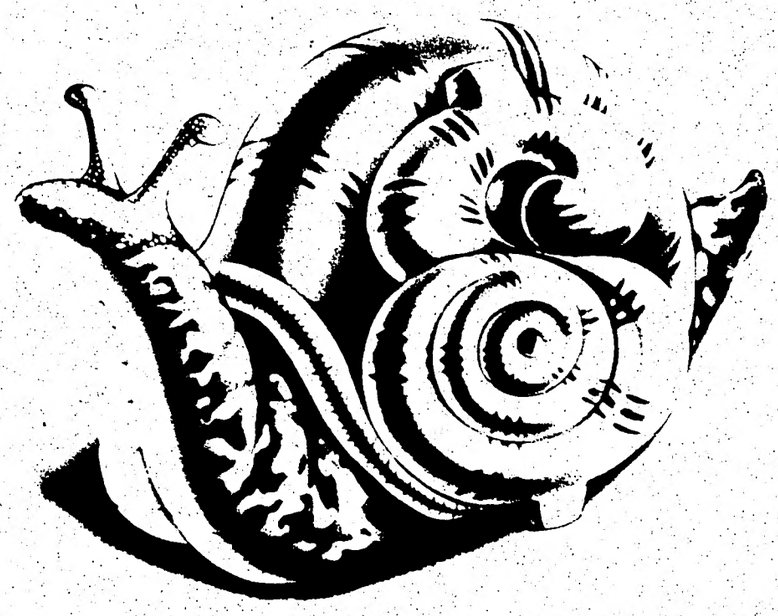

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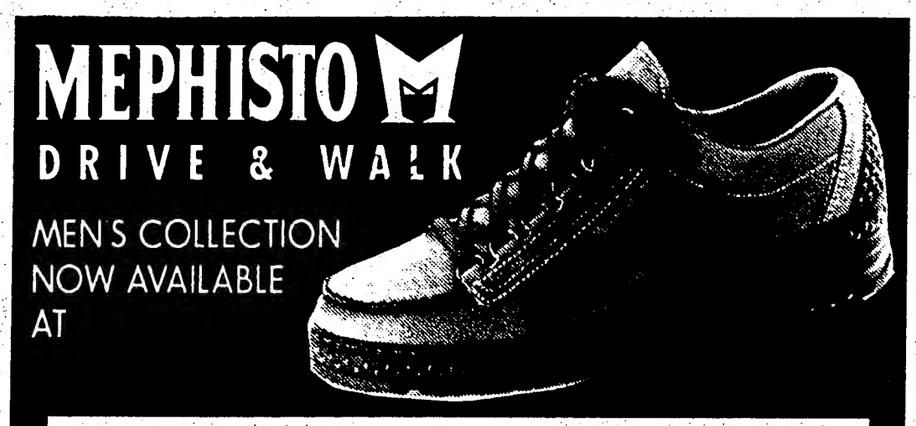

Time needed to heal wounds between Jews, Poles: official

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — An official heading a Polish government body created to heal the historic wounds between Poles and the Jewish community predicted a long and perhaps tortuous road ahead.

But it is a road that must be taken and part of a broader process within Poland to break down long and tragic traditions of enmity between Poles and other ethnic groups as well, said Andrzej Zakrzewski, who heads the two-year-old Council for Polish Jewish Relations.

Zakrzewski spoke to a group of prominent Polish and ethnic community leaders — including Canadian Jewish Congress officials — recently at the Polish consulate.

His message, in general, was one of hope, but tinged with the difficult realities faced in trying to break down centuries of stereotyping.

President Lech Walesa, Zakrzewski pledged, is firmly committed to the work of the council. Its mere creation, he said, "indicates fundamental changes within Poland."

With such a tiny number of Jews remaining in Poland, Zakrzewski himself never imagined that the council would become a "central element" of the Walesa administration.

He emphasized that the council will try to eliminate "false and misleading" perceptions Poles have had of Jews, and vice-versa.

Jews, of course, were wrongfully portrayed in society and the arts as usurers, and later, under the Communist regime, as atheists and communists.

But all Poles, Zakrzweski also insisted, have not become anti-Semites automatically through their "mother's milk," an accusation made by former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. While anti-Semitism has been a tragic problem throughout Poland's history, generations of Jews and Poles also lived uneventfully as neigbors. Thousands of ordinary Poles, he added, prayed at the recent 50th anniversary commemoration of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, which Zakrzewski organized.

He ranked Poland's present-day level of anti-Semitism "somewhere in the middle" among European nations.

Progress in the council's work has been slow, but steady, Zakrzewski said.

Then Israeli president Chaim Herzog made an historic visit to Poland, and Walesa went to Israel.

That was followed by the "very important and moving" Warsaw Ghetto commemoration.

Poland and Israel also are discussing possible youth exchanges.

Zakrzewski agreed that such visits by young Israelis should include touring the death camps, but the trips should also give them a chance to witness the present-day realities of Poland. For rapprochement truly to occur, "it is impossible to picture Poland only as a tomb."

Other work is in progress. Institutes such as the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw and the Catholic University in Lublin publish scholarly work on Polish-Jewish relations. There is an emphasis on publishing new, post-Communist era books on the Jewish experience in Poland. Efforts are also underway to rebuild synagogues and Jewish cemeteries. "What we are trying to do," Zakrzewski noted, "is to save what remains of the Jewish heritage in Poland."

Because Poland is overwhelmingly Catholic, its dogma has vastly dominated religious instruction in school. But Zakrzewski said there will be an agreement with the Jewish community to put into place religious instruction "according to parental wishes and needs."

In terms of secular instruction, the Holocaust is "honestly presented" in Polish text books, but there is still regrettably "almost nothing" yet taught about pre- or post-World War II Polish-Jewish history, including the leading role the Jewish Bund played in the armed resistance movement.

On the other hand, Poland's Catholic church has an active role in seeking to build rapprochement between Poles and Jews: there is a special church commission on the issue modelled after the Vatican's, and three members of Zakrzewski's council are clergymen.

Zakrzewski wants the painful realities of Polish-Jewish history to be discussed openly.

One extremely sensitive issue is Polish complicity in the Holocaust. Many Poles, as well as Hungarians, French, and Slovaks, betrayed the Jews, or simply stood by, and ultimately, he said, "every human being must answer for his and her sins."

But the extermination of the Jews did not take place "by Polish hands." The death camps were constructed in Poland by the Germans and "they were German concentration camps in an occupied Poland."

To Zakrzewski, statements on Jewish-Polish relations by Polish, Israeli, Jewish, or American orgnizations mean little, since they do nothing in real terms to reconcile Poles and Jews and progress cannot be made "by decrees."

"Emphasis," he concluded, "must be placed on the young.

"With nations it is as with people. To understand each other, we have to know each other, and that's why the dialogue is continuing."

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Senate report urges Canadians to take part in community

OTTAWA — The Honorable Gerry Weiner, minister of multiculturalism and citizenship, says he applauds the new Senate committee report which calls on Canadian citizens to take an active part in the life of their community and country.

"Canadians of every walk of life, in every part of the country, need to understand that they have responsibilities as citizens," the minister declared.

Weiner said that the Senate report will encourage broad national discussions on issues fundamental to Canada and added: "Our country is the most culturally diverse in the world. What we all share is respect for our cultural differences and a deep commitment to Canada, to our democratic institutions and to the participation of all citizens in building Canada's future."

He emphasized that Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada is seeking to strengthen Canadian citizenship by working for equal rights for all of us, by encouraging active participation in all aspects of society by each citizen and by breaking down the barriers of racism, illiteracy and alienation.

The work of the Department of Multiculturalism and Citizenship relates closely to a number of the recommendations of the Senate committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology.

- Citizenship is promoted nationally, through activities aimed at all Canadians, carried out in partnership with non-governmental agencies and the private sector. These promotions reach millions each year. New Canadians begin a new phase in their lives as citizens at Court ceremonies, while other Canadians also reaffirm their commitment to Canada at ceremonies throughout the country.
- Consultations have been held with Canadians to prepare for a new Citizenship Act.
- The Department is encouraging greater emphasis on citizenship education. Collaborative efforts are underway with the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, to prepare an inventory of citizenship education programs and of multicultural education resources across Canada.

While he is pleased with these efforts, Weiner stated: "I agree that much more should be done to help all Canadians understand fully their responsibilities and privileges as citizens."

The minister concluded by asserting that he "looks forward to working with the Senate in its efforts to encourage all levels of government and all Canadians to recognize the importance of additional national initiatives to encourage a strengthened sense of public pride and awareness in being a Canadian today."

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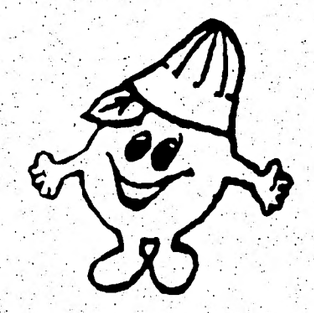

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Walters singles out Sadat as most interesting figure

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — In a rare public appearance, television journalist Barbara Walters recently discussed everything from her clothes to Middle East peace with an audience of about 3,000 people at Roy Thomson Hall.

Walters' talk was the fourth of seven in the Unique Lives and Experiences series to raise money for the United Way. One of the unique aspects of the series, particularly in Walters' case, is the opportunity for audience members to ask questions of the speaker.

Before the question-and-answer session, Walters focused on leadership, reflecting on leaders she has interviewed, including former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and former Egyptian president Anwar Sadat, with whom she made history in 1977 by arranging their first joint interview.

Sadat, she said, is the person she most admired. "He went against every prejudice he grew up with and changed the world." Walters said she hasn't felt the same about going back to the Middle East since his assassination. Covering his funeral was devastating for her, she said.

American Gulf War hero General Norman Schwartzkopf shared his definition of leadership with Walters when she interviewed him in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, shortly after the Gulf War ended. "Doing what's right because it's right" was an important component, he told her.

The "strongest, toughest" general's eyes brimmed with tears when the topic turned to his father, Walters said. He told her that any man who doesn't cry scares him because "that's not a human being."

Likewise, Russian president Boris Yeltsin, who had "what amounted to a nervous breakdown," told her "Yes I take everything close to my heart, because I believe it's better than to be a politician without a soul."

Barbara Walters

Reflecting on what she has learned from her many interviews with world leaders, Walters said, "Not everyone can or should lead a country. I don't think it's vital to be a leader, but it's vital to have some of the qualities of a leader — commitment, values, something you believe in beyond yourself."

Walters said that the secret to being successful is doing "whatever it is you love to do." When asked what her worst interview has been, she replied that she doesn't have "really terrible interviews. I do a lot of homework so I can ask the questions that bring that person out."

When asked what advice she would give women on being treated as professionals, she recommended "doing your job as well if not better than anyone else," keeping personal problems to yourself, and wearing clothes which project a professional image.

Speaking of her own profession, she advised "getting a foot in the door any way you can. Many go to graduate school and say, 'I wouldn't type or get coffee'."

After college, Walters worked as a secretary at NBC, where she learned to write and edit. She worked as a writer for *Today*, went on air as a pinch-hitter and stayed for 15 years. She became the first woman to co-host a network newscast.

When she worked behind the scenes, as the only female on *Today's* eight-member writing team, being allowed to write for men was "my big breakthrough."

Walters left NBC 17 years ago, and for the last 15 years has become known for her work on *20/20* and her television specials interviewing celebrities on ABC.

The divorced mother of a grown daughter, Walters says the idea that you can't have a career, marriage and children is "passe."

BBW/C to lobby on the get

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL — Delegates to the B'nai Brith Women of Canada (BBW/C) national biennial convention here were urged to lobby to have the issue of the agunah — a woman whose husband will not grant her a Jewish divorce, or get — placed on the agenda of the November General Assembly of North American Federations to take place in Montreal.

At the three-day convention's plenary session, 80 delegates from Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and Winnipeg were called upon by Evelyn Brook, chair of the Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get, of which BBW/C is a member, to press their local federations to put the issue front and centre at the assembly.

Progress, Brook acknowledged, has been made on the agunah issue through the national and international get coalition that was spearheaded by BBW/C.

But the ability of the husband to use the get as "vengeance, extortion, and the power to abuse," Brook said, continues to exist.

The status report on the agunah was among a range of topical issues brought before the convention, which installed Montrealer Arlene Fagan as president for a two-year term, succeeding Torontonian Gloria Levitt.

One of the most notable resolutions expressed support for proposed Canadian "anti-stalking" legislation, Bill C-126, which would make harassment a criminal activity.

Delegates also called for more stringent controls on the availability of handguns in Canada.

The convention also called on Immigration Canada to clarify its guidelines to allow for a more "consistent" approach in treating women's refugee claims.

The resolution said grounds for women being granted refugee status should include the "harmful impact of domestic violence, rape and other forms of sexual abuse."

BBW/C passed two resolutions on anti-Semitism, to be sent respectively to the Canadian and German governments.

The first resolution urged the Canadian government to continue to implement "widespread multicultural and educational programs" promoting tolerance. The second called on Germany to to ensure that "democracy is protected" from forces of xenophobia through educational programs, by outlawing political parties or groups advocating racism, anti-Semitism and violence, and by stringently enforcing existing laws or passing new ones.

In an interview, BBW/C national director Penny Krowitz proclaimed the convention, chaired by Nancy Cooperberg, an "outstanding success". It served to reaffirm the almost century-old organization's continuing commitment to a six-year strategic plan that reflected the convention's "share our vision" theme.

That plan, Krowitz said, has taken the shape of an evolving, concrete agenda within the organization to increase the effectiveness of women in the community and society, to promote the welfare of children, and to further Jewish values.

"We're trying to meet the needs of women today," she said. "We recognize government can't do it all for us anymore."

Incoming president Fagan, in her inaugural address as president, looked forward to BBW/C fulfilling her own personal "vision" for the organization to focus "on our members and their needs." BBW/C, she announced, is launching a new national "Members Services Department" in this regard.

Fagan also formed a "families and children's department" to focus on issues that "affect the lives of families — from how we promote our Jewish heritage, to what to do about self-esteem of our young people."

Outgoing president Levitt said depite the recession, BBW/C was able to sustain a constant membership during her tenure, with "remarkable growth" seen on the west coast, two new chapters in Winnipeg, and one more each in formation in Montreal and Toronto.

Levitt reiterated the numerous activities and projects of BBW/C and looked forward to the creation in Montreal of a BBW/C safe temporary home for abused Jewish women and their children such as exists in Toronto.

Two of the convention's highlights, Krowitz said, came at its opening and as it wound down.

At the opening banquet at the Airport Hilton Hotel attended by 150, the organization bestowed its Achievement Award to popular television talk show host Shirley Solomon, who regaled the audience with an hour-long speech recounting her struggle for a successful career in broadcasting.

On the final day, the convention celebrated the 50th anniversary of BBW/C's Residential Treatment Centre (RTC) in Israel for emotionally distrurbed children.

To commemorate the milestone, BBW/C is launching a $60,000 fundraising campaign to pay for renovations to the centre's Canada Group House. The celebration was led by BBW/C president-elect Mitzi Dickstein and former fundraising chair Cybil Berenstein of Toronto, and by Barbara Rabkin of Maryland, representing the North American arm of BBW International.

The convention also included workshops on anti-Semitism (led by Alan Shefman of the Ontario Human Rights Commission) and the presentation of many awards.

They included the Molly Friedman leadership award to Toby Shainbaum of Montreal's Chai chapter; the Volunteer of the Year Award to Annette Axelrod, of Winnipeg's Nadir chapter; and the Chapter of the Year Award to Toronto's Sha'aron chapter.

Installed as officers for the 1993-95 term were Arlene Fagan, president; Mitzi Dickstein, president-elect; Judy Burak, vice-president, Eastern area; Anna Lee Gould, vice-president, Central area; Liz Grant, vice-president, Western area; Suzanne Borer, Marni Collier, Betty Elfenbaum, Jill Lieberman, Paula Mittleman, Carol Solomon, Pat Wolfson, board members; Gloria Levitt, immediate past president.

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Elie Wiesel

To millions, author, teacher and storyteller Elie Wiesel is the voice of a generation. And an eloquent, as well as prolific one it's been. Wiesel's more than 30 books, born of his first-hand witnessing of the horrors of the Holocaust, have been hailed worldwide for their power and lucidity. Born in 1928 in Sighet, Romania, Wiesel was raised in an intensely Orthodox and chassidic environment. In 1944, the whole community was deported by the Nazis and Wiesel, still a teenager, was shipped to Auschwitz, Buna and Buchenwald. The sole survivor of his entire family, he became a journalist in Paris following the war and kept quiet about what he had experienced until he was persuaded to end that silence in his first book, La Nuit (Night), *published in 1958. The work has since been translated into 18 languages.*

The many accolades awarded Wiesel include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, France's Legion D'Honneur and in 1986, the Nobel Peace Prize. In 1978, then-President Jimmy Carter appointed Wiesel founding chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

A devoted supporter of Israel, Wiesel has defended the rights of Soviet Jews, Nicaragua's Miskito Indians, the Kurds and Cambodians, among others. Since 1978, he has been a professor in the departments of religion and philosophy at Boston University.

Wiesel was in Toronto last week for a lecture presented by the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Toronto New Leadership chapter and the Institute for Jewish Learning of the Jewish Community Centre.

He was interviewed by CJN *reporter Ron Csillag.*

CJN: *The title of your lecture last week was "God and Man: On Trial." What is meant by that?*

Wiesel: That man is on trial, is clear. We are always on trial. We are tested every day, by ourselves, our family, our friends, the system, by society, by the problems we confront, by the challenges we have to meet. We are constantly on trial, unless you want to lead an easy life and not think. The moment you stop thinking for yourself, you say God is on trial, and that's an audacious thing in itself.

CJN: *What is the major trial facing Jews today?*

Wiesel: The same events that are critical to the survival of the world are also critical to the survival of the Jewish people. What are the problems today? Social problems, nuclear problems, ethnic hate, racial hate, religious hate. All these problems confront society today. And they also confront Jewish society. What is special about us is that we have been on the edge so often that we have more experience.

CJN: *Is that what has kept us going?*

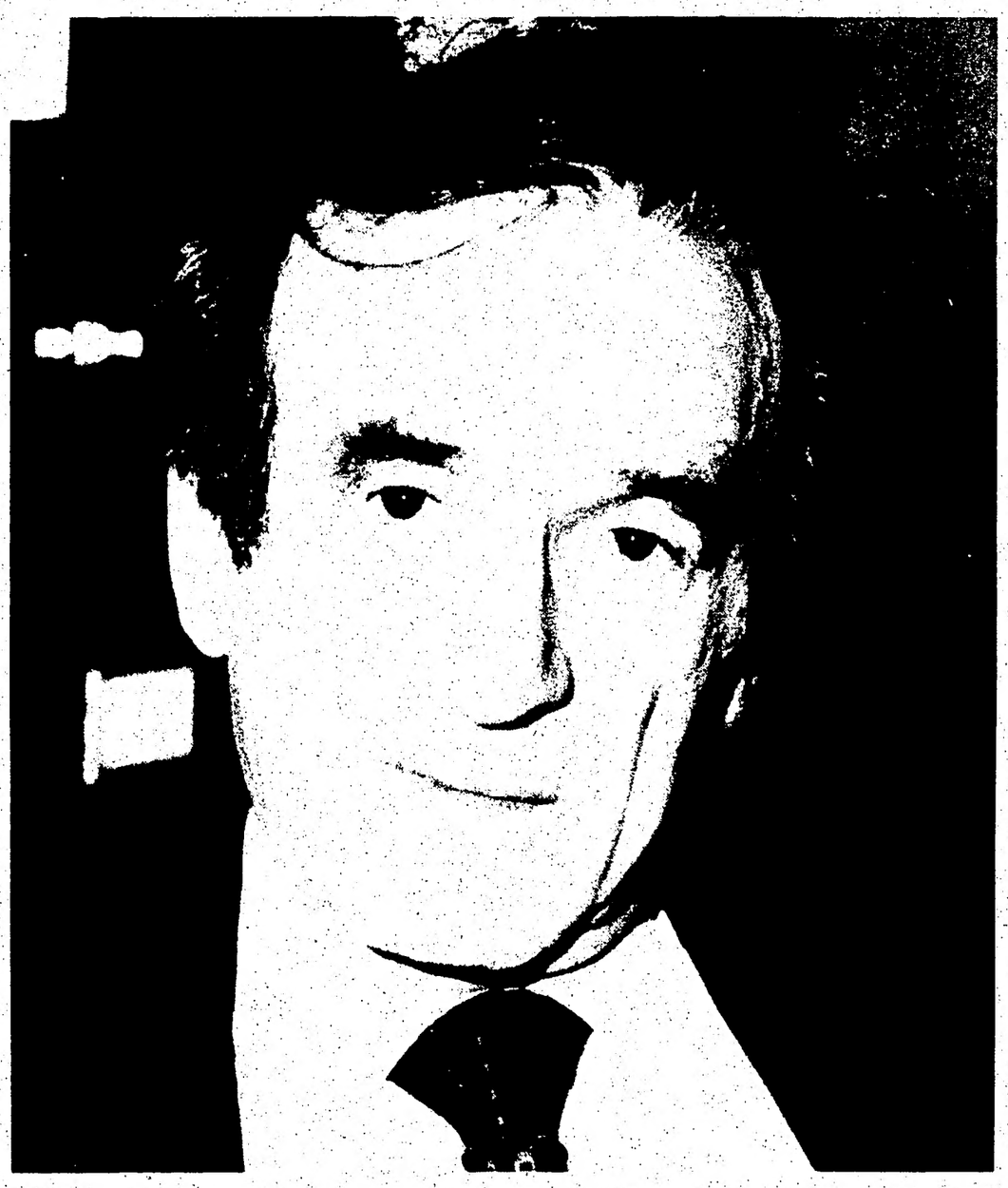
Wiesel: I thinks that's part of the reason. A lot of people ask that question. We ask it of ourselves. What has kept us going? So many nations have disappeared and we are still here. At the same time, 500 years from now, what will the situation be? I think there is no precise answer. Of course, many religious Jews will say it's because of God. For those looking for human answers as well, that's not sufficient.

CJN: *Recently, Holocaust museums opened in Washington and Los Angeles. There are those who say there are enough museums and those who say there can never be enough. Where do you stand?*

Wiesel: It depends. If you do it as a show, then of course, I don't like shows. But who are we to say which attempt is more serious than the other? I know some of us say that we should take the money and spend it on education. On the other hand, museums can be educational but they should not be the only parts. If our generation and the one tomorrow becomes obsessed exclusively with the Holocaust, then we are in trouble.

I always try to teach my students that Jewish law in matters of mourning is very special. There are limits. You cannot go beyond a certain period of mourning. There is shiva, then shloshim, then a year of mourning. Then we stop. On yahrzeits, we say kaddish. One should not go too far in mourning. We should mourn in remembrance but Jewish history and life are more than that. We must go beyond all that. We cannot stay anchored in melancholy.

The Jewish people have survived not because of museums. The Jewish people have survived because of books, values, memories, solidarity. Today, museums do play a role. There's nothing wrong with using every means at our disposal to communicate our concern, our past.



CJN: *At the ceremony opening the Washington museum, there was a controversy over the invitation issued to the president of Croatia, Franjo Tudjman.*

Wiesel: I began it. When I learned that Tudjman would be there, I shouted in anger, "Why was he invited?" My God! How did people invite Tudjman? I refused to see him in meetings with all the other presidents of [the former] Yugoslavia at an international conference in London. I refused to shake the hand of a man who's a revisionist. He wrote a book that is anti-Semitic and revisionist. How could he, a man who diminishes the Holocaust, be at a ceremony that commemorated the Holocaust? It's crazy! I was going to voice my protest in my speech during the ceremony and ask him, "What are you doing here?" But I didn't because it would have disturbed the whole ceremony and would have been discourteous to [President Bill] Clinton. But I still couldn't accept it so I gave the story to the press the day before [the opening], saying had it not been for the solemnity of the occasion, I would have made that statement. His presence in the midst of survivors was a disgrace. As a result, when they announced his name, there was tremendous booing. It was a scandal that he even dared to come.

CJN: *Organizers said he was invited because he needed the education....*

Wiesel: Nonsense.

CJN: *You have often said you would never debate a Holocaust denier. If you had to, what would you say?*

Wiesel: I wouldn't. I would never grant him the dignity of a dialogue or debate. It is the only case where I am against debate and dialogue and I support and have fought for the First Amendment [which guarantees free speech in the U.S.]. I like what has happened in France [which has adopted strict anti-hate laws]. Why? Because there are so many survivors still around. Why should they be in a situation where hate is being inflicted on them? What should they think when a man like [Toronto pro-Nazi publisher] Ernst Zundel says the whole thing is a lie? What does the father say when he is confronted by his children? Should the children think he's a liar? Because these words bring so much hurt and pain to so many people, there should be a law against them.

There is no greater hate [than Holocaust denial]. In Europe there are laws against it. In France, anyone who [denies the Holocaust] goes to jail or is fined.

CJN: *Prosecutions generate the publicity the deniers seek. Do you favor bringing them to court?*

Wiesel: To court, yes. Again, I am not for debate but I would bring them to court. In the beginning, I was hesitating even about that. I remember in the Zundel case, they came to see me from the attorney-general's office. I said, "don't start a lawsuit." They said, "there's already one started." And in that case, you go forward. Now, I think I was wrong. There should be [prosecutions].

It is an act of hatred to say that we Jews invented our own suffering. It is the second strongest, most dangerous, most destructive anti-Semitic act, after the charge of deicide — that we killed Jesus.

CJN: *Your country, the United States, cherishes free speech to the extent that hatemongers are rarely if ever brought to court. What can be done?*

Wiesel: I wish I knew. Something has to be done. I'm for prosecutions. At the same time, the revisionists — I prefer the term deniers — are working better and better. They have a lot of money. Often, when I come to speak at universities, they already know and outside they have demonstrations. Better than that — or worse — during [my] Nobel Prize ceremony, outside they were demonstrating. People came from all over Europe. They have a well-oiled machine.

CJN: *A recent poll in the United States showed up to 22 percent of Americans are open to discussion on the veracity of the Holocaust. You expressed shock at that.*

Wiesel: Something went wrong. I think what we should do now is rethink our activities. Where did we go wrong? It would be irresponsible of me to give an offhand answer. I suggest the [Jewish] leadership all over North America declare an emergency and say, "This must be our number one priority. Where did we go wrong? Did we teach enough? Use the right language, the right people?" Obviously, something went wrong. In the last 20 years, there hasn't been a television station that hasn't had some sort of program on the Holocaust.

CJN: *Are the deniers gaining on us?*

Wiesel: No, they're not gaining. Let's not exaggerate. I hope for the sake of humankind, they represent a small, marginal group. The problem is, the critical mass in the middle — those who say they don't know, the undecided — we haven't reached them.

CJN: *Events in Bosnia have been compared to the Jewish experience during the Holocaust. Do you agree?*

Wiesel: We should never compare anything to the Holocaust. I said it to the [U.S.] president and to Congress. The Holocaust is unequalled, unparalleled and must remain unique. What's happening in Bosnia is not a holocaust and I said it there. I went there to say it to the president [of Bosnia]: "Don't use that word." Certain words are copyrighted by Jewish destiny. There are enough words in the human vocabulary to cover everything — massacres, atrocities — strong words to describe the victimizers, the aggressors, the killers. They are killers.

What should be done? I am not a statesman. I don't know what should be done. I know something must be done. Had the Western powers alone done something right in the beginning, I think it would have stopped the bloodshed. Why didn't we do it? I don't know. Had the world leaders accepted the idea — which was my idea and I'm not embarrassed to say it because I failed — to have a summit meeting in Sarajevo, summon the five presidents of the former Yugoslavia and tell them what Jimmy Carter told Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin, "You are not leaving here until we find a solution," it would have had some effect. But we [now] need something spectacular, something dramatic.

Nobody [is telling] you or me that the Serbs, as bad as they are, want to kill the last Muslim. The Holocaust was meant to exterminate the whole Jewish people, down to the last child. Nobody will tell you that [the Serbs] are preparing an Auschwitz with gas chambers. It's bad enough what they are doing so why graduate it? It's true they're packing people into trains, starving them, raping them. The atrocities are true. It's enough to say that, again and again.

CJN: *Have you sensed a growing belief among Sabras that European Jews did not offer resistance during the Holocaust and went to their deaths as sheep?*

Wiesel: That's what was said for many years but they are changing now. The third generation in Israel now is a good generation. But in the beginning, it was embarrassing and offensive. There's a book coming out soon that describes the humiliation survivors were subjected to when they came to Palestine. They were told by the Palestinian Jews, "Don't talk to us about it. Forget it. It's a new page." Then, the questions. "Why didn't you resist? Did you go like sheep to slaughter?" The poor refugees had to defend themselves all the time. I hear now that it's better. Writers who until now used to denigrate the writers too obsessed with the Holocaust are now writing about the Holocaust.

CJN: *You were married and had a son late in life. How did that change your perspective?*

Wiesel: A lot. Oh, a lot. Once I became responsible for another life, I became infinitely more involved with human rights activities. I was involved with anything in Jewish life. But when my son was born, I said, "What am I doing? I have to make the world better."

Rabbi Schneerson's ill health leads to a power struggle

NEW YORK (JTA) — As the Lubavitcher rebbe withdrew from public view last week during a setback in his recovery from a major stroke, a power struggle was taking place among his most trusted lieutenants.

Several of his closest aides, all of whom have worked for their beloved leader for decades, were fighting over control of the most important jewels in the Lubavitch crown of organizations.

It is likely to be the first of many battles for control over the engines that run the Chabad machine, as the movement begins to grapple with the realities of an incapacitated leader and a lack of clear succession.

The fight is about control over the Lubavitch empire and, ultimately, about directing the future course of the movement.

Because the 91-year-old rebbe has no heir apparent, the movement's future will likely be decided by those who control power in the various parts of the Lubavitch organization.

The current tension among members of the Lubavitch inner circle is "a barometer of the realization that they're headed into a period of a vacuum at the top, where the key power will be the people who run the bureaucratic organization," said Samuel Heilman, author of *Defenders of the Faith*, a book about fervently Orthodox Jews.

"Whoever is running the bureaucracy will be that much more important in the absence of a charismatic leader," added Heilman, who is a sociologist at the City University of New York.

This most recent power struggle began following the death last month of the man who had run the central Lubavitch organizations for 40 years, Rabbi Chaim Mordechai Isaac Hodakov.

The vacuum left by his death and the struggle that ensued may have portent for the future.

Hodakov led every major Lubavitch organization, including the rebbe's secretariat, which is comprised of Schneerson's five closest aides.

The other key groups he ran include Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch, which directs Lubavitch's educational activities and its network of thousands of emissaries worldwide; Agudas Hassidei Chabad, which represents policy set by Lubavitch leaders; Machne Israel, the movement's social service and youth-program arm; and Kehot Publication Society.

It did not take long after he died for the in-fighting to begin over who would control the finances and management of these supra-organizations, which each serve as umbrella groups for dozens more.

Another member of the secretariat — Rabbi Nissan Mindel — has shared responsibility with Hodakov for running the organizations.

But for the last several years Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, who is in his 50s, has taken over day-to-day responsibilities for the organizations from Mindel, who is now in his early 80s, said a Lubavitch insider.

Three of the rebbe's five secretaries — Rabbis Sholom Menachem Mendel Simpson, Yehuda Leib Groner and Binyomin Klein, are at odds with Krinsky over who is to control the organizations.

Krinsky has long been the spokesman for Lubavitch. And behind the scenes, Krinsky has been the most powerful member of the inner circle of the secretariat.

With Hodakov's passing and Mindel's decreased activity, Krinsky has been left responsible for the two near-ly all-encompassing umbrella organizations of Lubavitch: Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch and Agudas Hassidei Chabad.

So to Krinsky it apparently seemed natural that he would inherit the responsibilities earlier handled by Hodakov.

But the troika of Groner, Klein and Simpson do not agree. Instead, they believe that financial control and authority should be shared among all of the secretaries.

The troika have generally been quiet, behind-the-scenes figures in the Lubavitch movement and it is not known how, if at all, they differ in philosophy or approach from Krinsky and Mindel.

The internal battle has not finished playing itself out.

So it remains unclear whether authority over the worldwide Lubavitch network remains effectively concentrated in the hands of Krinsky, or if, in the end, his three colleagues will be successful in their effort to wrest some of the control from his hands.

It seems unlikely that Lubavitch will be able to sustain itself without a living rebbe, as the Breslov Hasidim have for over 150 years, according to observers.

"They need a rebbe to energize the troops," said Heilman. They need more than an efficient bureaucracy, he said. Lubavitch needs its charismatic leader.

"In the meantime the organization will move along by inertia," he added.

It is equally unlikely that movement's many financially autonomous organizations, including the shluchim, or emissaries, who are in 900 locations worldwide, would turn each of their fiefdoms into full-scale independent enterprises.

Latvian MP defends country

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — It's a good thing Andrejs Pantelejevs is a politician first and a diplomat second, because the Latvian MP is nothing if not direct.

Jews in Latvia are not suffering discrimination nor are they in any danger from Latvian nationalism, the 32-year-old parliamentarian said. Allegations that Jews and ethnic Russians are facing discrimination in the newly-independent Republic of Latvia are heavily influenced by Russia, which wants to create the impression of human rights abuses so it will not have to withdraw its 43,000-strong military forces, Pantelejevs said.

Western politicians understand the reality of the situation but they are "willing to sacrifice the Baltic states to Russian President Boris Yeltsin so he could pacify the army and ultra-conservatives," he said.

A physicist by training, Pantelejevs serves as chair of Latvia's Supreme Council Standing Committee on Human Rights and Ethnic Issues. He was in Canada recently to visit Latvian communities to drum up their support for his country's June 6 elections. There are approximately 20,000 Latvians registered in Canada who are entitled to cast ballots, he said.

Pantelejevs, who heads Latvia's delegation to the European Council in Strasbourg, sought to reassure Canadian Jews that their brethren in Latvia were free to practice their religion. "There is no repression against the Jews at the government or cultural level," he said. "There is no reason for such a repression since both Jews and Latvians were discriminated against in Soviet times and there is absolutely no reason for Latvians to raise anti-Semitism."

Andrejs Pantelejevs

Pantelejevs conceded there are extremist nationalist forces operating in Latvia, but they represent only about eight percent of the populace. Siegfried Ziggerst of the Latvian National Independence Movement is a German of Latvian descent who was sent by ultra-conservatives in Hamburg to create an ultra-nationalist power base. Ziggerst has ties with Germany's extremist Republican Party, Pantelejevs said.

Latvia's 22,000 Jews (out of a population of two million), as well as other minority groups, are free under Latvian law to establish their own schools, he said. The secular portion of their curricula is paid for by the government.

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Ambassador raises issue of exit visas for Syrian Jews

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Canada's ambassador to Syria, Martin Collacott, held meetings earlier this month with top officials in Damascus to discuss the plight of Syria's remaining 1,400 Jews.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, Collacott met with Syria's minister of information, Mohammad Salman, and the minister of foreign affairs, Nasser Qaddour, to raise the matter of exit visas for Jews.

After allowing Syrian Jews travel visas for over five months last year, Damascus abruptly stopped issuing the documents last October for no stated reason.

By then, over 2,600 Jews had left, mostly to Brooklyn, N.Y. and its large Syrian Jewish emigre community.

In a May 19 letter to Judy Feld Carr, head of the National Force for Syrian Jews, Michel de Salaberry, director of External Affair's Middle East relations division, says Canada continues "to monitor the situation closely."

The letter states Collacott conveyed Canada's "strong concern over the continued delay" in the issuing of the visas. Collacott "emphasized that Canada wanted to see return to full-speed processing [of the visas] without delay.

"The position the ambassador outlined ... very much reflects the deep-felt views of the Canadian authorities on this subject."

According to Carr, the reason the Syrians have given for the delay is that Jews who left in 1992 did so without settling their debts and that new measures have to be put in place "to ensure this does not recur."

Carr discounts that explanation. She says Jews who left last year were required to leave behind all possessions, including their homes and businesses, and could take with them the equivalent of just $2,000 (U.S.) and two suitcases apiece.

But Carr is happy with the latest Canadian initiative.

"I am pleased by this kind of clear and unambigious representation made by our government," she said in a statement. "Canada has a great deal of credibility in the region and its commitment to the freedom of Syrian Jews ... is of great importance.

"Syria, as a signatory to the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, which enshrines the right to freedom of travel, must be made accountable for its breaches."

Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

AGASSEE — EGOZI

Suzanne Agassee enquires about the origin of the surname of her late father-in-law.

The source is pure Hebrew. Agas is the Hebrew word for "pear" which is reflected in the German word for pear tree Birnbaum.

The name Agassee is often confused with Egozi which has a similar origin. It derives from Egoz — Hebrew for nut. The German equivalent is Nussbaum — nut tree.

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דאָס איז געווען מיין צווייטער באַזוך אין נאָך־מלחמה־דיקן פוילן. דעם ערשטן מאָל בין איך דאָרט געווען אין 1966, ווען פוילן האָט געפייערט דעם טויזנט־יאָריקן יובילייַ פון פוילנ׳ס עקזיסטענץ אַלס מלוכה. אַלס מעיאָר פון טאָראָנטאָ בין איך איינגע־לאָדן געוואָרן פון דער פוילישער רעגירונג צייצוא־ווירונען די פייערונגען. פאַר מיר איז דאָס הויפט־זאַכלעך געווען אַ געלעגנהייט צו באַזוכן די מדינה, פונואַנען מיין מין פרוי׳ס פאַמיליע זיינען געקומען קיין קאַנאַדע, און אויך זען מיט אונדזערע אייגענע אויגן די געטאָס און טויט־לאַגערן, וואו זעקס מיליאָן פון אונדזערע שוועסטער און ברידער זיינען דערמאָרדעט געוואָרן און אומצאָליקע יידישע אינסטיטוציעס זיינען אויף אַ ברוטאַלן אופן פאַר־ניכטעט געוואָרן.

דעם מאָל בין איך געפֿאָרן מיטן ציל צו אַכסער־וירן די ענדערונגען אין פוילן זינט מיין ערשטן באַזוך. אָבער הויפטזאַכלעך האָב איך געוואָלט — צוזאַמען מיט טויזנטער יידן פון ישראל, אַמעריקע, קאַנאַדע, און פון צענדליקער אַנדערע מדינות — אָנטייל נעמען אין די געדענק־פייערונגען צום 50־טן יאָרטאָג נאָכן אויפשטאַנד אין דער וואַרשעווער געטאָ.

דאָס איז געווען אַן אומפאַרגעסלעכע איבער־לעבונג, וואָס וועט פֿאַרבלייבן אין זכרון אויף אייביק.

איינדרוקספול און רירנדיק איז געווען די צערעמאָניע, אין אָוונט פון 19־טן אַפּריל, ווען טויזנטער יידן און פאָליאַקן האָבן זיך פֿאַרזאַמלט אויפֿן געביט פון וואַרשעווער געטאָ־אויפשטאַנד, ביים פרעכטיקן נעיטן דאַפאָפֿארט מאָנומענט, אָפצו־געבן כבוד דעם אָנדענק פון די הערָישע קעמפער פון דער וואַרשעווער געטאָ און פון די זעקס מיליאָן מאַרטירער און קדושים, וואָס די נאַציס האָבן אומגע־ברענגט.

צווישן די אָנגעזעענסטע געסט זיינען געווען: דער פוילישער פֿרעזידענט לעך וואַלענסאַ, פֿרעמיער יצחק ראַבין פון ישראל; אַמעריקאַנער וויצע־פרעזידענט אַל. גאָר, און דער פרעזידענט פון יידישן וועלט־קאָנגרעס, עדגאַר בראָנפמאַן.

דרויי אָפּטיילונגען פון די פוילישע מיליטעריש כוחות האָבן אַריינמאַרשירט צום פאַרזאַמלונג־פלאַץ און סאַלוטירט די פאַרזאַמלטע. דער מיליטערישער אָרקעסטער האָט דאַן אויפגעשפילט דעם פוילישן נאַציאָנאַלן הימן און די התקוה. פאַרשטייער פון אַ רייַ מלוכות, וואָס זיינען געווען פאַרטראָטן, האָבן ביים מאָנומענט געלייגט קרענץ בלומען אין די קאָלירן פון זייערע מדינות, און יעדער פאָרשטייער איז באַגריסט געוואָרן פון דעם ריזיקן פאַרזאַמלטן עולם. הונ־דערטער זשורנאַליסטן פון צייטונגען, ראַדיאָ און טעלעוויזיע האָבן נאָכגעפאָלגט די פאַרהאַנדלונגען און אויך אָזאַ אופן געצויגן די אויפמערקזאַמקייט פון דער וועלט צו דער באַדייטונג פון געטאָ־אויפשטאַנד אין קאַמף פאַר פרייהייט, קענן די שונאים פון דער מענטשהייט.

דער פוילישער פרעזידענט, וואַלענסאַ, האָט געהאַלטן זיין רעדע אויף פויליש; פרעמיער יצחק ראַבין האָט געredט אין עברית, און די אַנדערע רעדנער אין ענגליש.

די צערעמאָניע האָט זיך פאַרענדיקט אויף אַ דרא־מאַטישן אופן, מיט פראָזשעקטאָרן, וואָס האָבן באַלויכטן און אַרומגערינגלט דעם ראַפאַפאָרט־מאָנומענט, ווי מיט רויטע פלאַמען, און טיפע קלאַנגען. וואָס האָבן דערמאָנט אין די אויפרייסן פון גרָאַנאַטן און האַרמאַטן־שאָסן, בעת די קאַמפן אין דער וואַרשעווער געטאָ.

אַ חזן האָט דאַן פאַרענדיקט מיט זינגען „אלי, אלי״, „אל מלא רחמים״ און מיט זאָגן קדיש בצבור.

עס איז צוגעפאַלן די נאַכט. דער מיליטערישער אָרקעסטער שפילט אויף דעם פוילישן נאַציאָנאַלן הימן און די „התקוה״. יעדער איינער פון פיל־קעפיקן עולם, וואָס איז די גאַנצע צייט געשטאַנען אויף די פיס, צינדט אָן ליכטלעך. לעבן דעם סקווער, וואו עס איז פאַרגעקומען די צערעמאָניע, געפינט זיך אַ הויכער אַפאַרטמענט־בנין. אויף יעדן פענצטער האָבן די איינוואוינער אָנגעצונדן צו צחיי־ליכטלעך, לכבוד דעם אָנדענק פון די געטאָ־קעמפער.

מאַנגל אין פלאַץ מאַכט אוממעגלעך צו באַשרייבן די אַנדערע הויך־פונקטן פון דעם באַזוך אין פוילן. אפשר וועט דאָס געטאָן ווערן ביי אַן אַנדער געלעגנהייט.

Respiratory patients get help

JERUSALEM — Patients who are scheduled for major surgery next month can do much to eliminate post-surgical complications, according to Dr. Ditza Gross of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem. Spending just 10 minutes a day prior to the operation strengthening the muscles that breathe, she says, can reduce the rate of severe complications from 27 to 4 percent.

Gross's findings have so impressed her colleagues that the heads of Hadassah's cardiac, orthopedic, vascular and general surgery departments now insist all their candidates — 20 to 30 of them a week — come through her Clinic for Evaluating and Treating Respiratory Problems, within the medical centre's anesthesiology department.

"The core idea of my technique is that the respiratory muscles tire like any other muscles in the body," says the Israeli doctor. "And, like other mucles, they can be strengthened by training."

Training consists of breathing for 10 minutes a day through a plastic T-shaped tube. A one-way valve in the tube's crossbar separates air breathed in from air breathed out. Air expired is forced out through different-strength "resistances" — colored plastic disks with increasingly smaller outlet holes.

"The smaller the hole, the harder it is to exhale," says Gross. "And the harder it is, the stronger and more durable become the respiratory muscles."

Gross developed this breathing technique to help partially paralyzed patients improve their quality of life. At the time, she was working on her doctorate in Experimental Medicine at McGill University in Montreal, under the renowned Peter Macklem.

"I started by trying to diagnose fatigue of the respiratory muscles," she says. "Once I found that these muscles did tire, that led to the technique I developed for staving off fatigue. We found that improving the breathing of paraplegics and quadriplegics affected the whole body. After four weeks of breathing training, partially paralyzed patients who had been able to sit in wheelchairs for no more than two hours out of 24, were now comfortable in their chairs for entire days."

A patient is given breathing program developed by Dr. Ditza Gross

Gross next turned to ventilator-dependent quadriplegics. "I worked with seven such patients for six months," she says. "At the end of that time all could breathe spontaneously — some for as long as 16 hours a day."

Back in Israel in 1984, Gross joined the staff of the Hadassah Medical Center's anesthesiology department in Jerusalem.

"It was shortly after I'd returned to Jerusalem that I came across a study showing that 20 to 70 percent of patients undergoing open-heart surgery and major abdominal surgery developed complications," she says. "I wondered whether my technique could help cut the complication rate."

A hundred coronary bypass candidates took part in a study undertaken by Gross, strengthening their respiratory muscles with her exercises prior to surgery. The results were dramatic: they needed to be respirated less after surgery, suffered fewer complications, needed less intensive care, and recovered more completely.

Kohl pledges not to tax returned property

NEW YORK (JTA) — German Chancellor Helmut Kohl promised Jewish leaders last week that his government will modify a controversial draft law that in its current form would tax Jews 25 percent for the return of property seized by the Nazis, mostly in eastern Germany.

In a private meeting May 12 in Bonn with Ignatz Bubis, head of the German Jewish community, and officials from the World Jewish Congress, Kohl said that the tax requirement would be altered for victims of the Nazis, according to a Jewish official who was present.

The proposed law was aimed at clearing up questions of property ownership and would apply to land seized by both the Nazis and the communist regime of the former East Germany.

Hundreds of millions of dollars of property is believed to be involved.

Jewish officials have objected to the draft law, saying that the tax requirement meant that, in effect, Jews were being asked to pay for stolen goods.

Kohl told the Jewish leaders that the draft law was not the final word and that the Jewish community would be dealt with separately, apart from the general restitution law.

WJC President Edgar Bronfman, who was among those who met with Kohl, described the talk as "warm, friendly and constructive.

"The chancellor was clearly sympathetic to those who had suffered under the Nazis," Bronfman said.

Kohl said he had secured agreement both within the ruling party as well as from the opposition parties for changing the proposed law as it dealt with Jews.

Kohl read the Jewish delegates a formal statement from his cabinet that "improvements in the regulations concerning Nazi victims will be discussed.

"The federal government will try to come to a solution acceptable to all parties," the statement said.

The proposed law already contains a break for Jews, who would have paid a tax of 25 percent of current market value, while non-Jews would pay 33 percent.

Kohl also said that Bubis would be consulted before final formulation of the law.

There was an agreement at the meeting to institutionalize a German-Jewish dialogue on a continuous and permanent basis, so that conversations do not occur only when crises arise.

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Neo-Nazi gets five years

AMSTERDAM — A man has been sentenced to five years in jail on charges he tried to kill a man who had beaten him because of his neo-Nazism and his distribution of neo-Nazi propaganda.

The district court in Leeuwarden, the capital of the province of Friesland, sentenced the 21-year-old man for the attack, which took place Jan. 23.

The convicted youth also had been distributing neo-Nazi folders and stickers with swastikas and slogans such as "Applicants for asylum must leave the country."

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Neo-Nazis attack clubs

ROME — Ten days after police shut down the headquarters of several of the country's best-known skinhead groups, neo-Nazis staged attacks on two left-wing youth clubs in outlying neighborhoods of Rome.

In one attack, 20 to 25 skinheads marched in goose step formation past the doorway of a youth club linked to the Democratic Party of the Left, the former Communist Party, where a rock concert and dance had just ended.

The skinheads shouted "Sieg Heil" and saluted in Nazi style.

A few minutes later, armed with crowbars, chains and other weapons, the skinheads returned and attacked. Two people were lightly injured in the brawl, including the father of one of the left-wing youths who initially tried to calm the situation.

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Peres to India and China

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres left last week for India and China to solidify business ties with those two countries.

He was accompanied by a group of top Israeli businessmen.

In India, Peres is expected to sign agreements in areas of technology, culture, aviation and tourism.

In China, Peres will open a faculty in international relations, dedicated to David Ben-Gurion, at Beijing University and will be awarded an honorary doctorate.

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'Champagne spy' dead

TEL AVIV — Maj. Ze'ev Gur-Arye, the so-called "champagne spy" who worked undercover for years in Egypt, died in Munich at the age of 72, following a long illness.

Gur-Arye, who assumed the name of Wolfgang Lutz during his years as an Israeli spy in Egypt, earned the sobriquets of the "champagne spy" and "the spy on the horse" because of the opulent lifestyle he led in Egypt, where he owned a ranch and riding school.

Posing as a rich German businessman in Cairo in the early 1960s, Gur-Arye earned the confidence of high-level friends who unwittingly fed him with information about the activities of German rocket and missile scientists working for the Egyptian authorities.

His body was to be flown back for a military burial in Israel.

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Lesbian faces battle

LOS ANGELES — Roberta Achtenberg, a lesbian Jewish politician from San Fracisco who is no stranger to political battles, is now facing fierce opposition from conservative forces over her nomination for a top federal housing post.

As part of an effort to "increase Bill Clinton's misery index," conservative Republican senators have threatened a lengthy floor fight over the president's nomination of Achtenberg as assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

If confirmed, Achtenberg, a civil rights lawyer, would become the highest-ranking openly gay official in the executive branch.

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Red Cross to examine bodies

TEL AVIV — At Israel's request, the International Red Cross will examine the bodies of two men held by the Shi'ite Amal militia in Lebanon that the group claims are those of Israeli soldiers long missing in action.

Amal leader Nabi Berri offered to return the bodies some two years ago, but the Israel Defence Force doubted the truth of the Amal claim. The offer fell through since Israel was not prepared to release Amal prisoners in exchange, without adequate evidence.

Two months ago, after several Shi'ite prisoners held by Israel and its allied South Lebanon Army (SLA) were released, Berri announced he would permit Red Cross inspection of the bodies if 14 women prisoners were freed from the SLA's El-Khiam prison.

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Bibles decision stands

WASHINGTON — In a move welcomed by many in the Jewish community, the U.S. Supreme Court has let stand a lower court decision barring the distribution of Gideon Bibles to students in an Indiana public school district.

The court's decision not to take the case was seen as a victory for those who believe in the strict separation of church and state.

The Anti-Defamation League had filed a brief at the lower court level, opposing the distribution of Bibles in the schools.

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Latin American Jews ignored

JERUSALEM — The Israeli and Jewish establishments do not attach sufficient importance to the 900,000 Jews of Latin America, an Argentinian Jewish leader charged last week.

"For economic reasons, our influence is not felt in the Jewish world," said Ruben Beraja, president of the Argentine-Israelite Association (DAIA) and the Bar-Ilan University Foundation in Buenos Aires.

He said there appears to be little interest among Israelis in the fate of Latin American Jews, "except when it comes to bombs or anti-Semitism. We have to create a two-way dialogue which will be beneficial to both sides."

The rate of intermarriage, already high at about 30 percent, is on the increase, he said, and has to be combatted by Jewish education. There are 25,000 children studying in Jewish day schools and the newly founded branch of Bar-Ilan University (which has yet to be accredited) has 110 students.

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Roman amphitheatre found

JERUSALEM — A complete Roman amphitheatre has been excavated at Beit Guvrin, near Beit Shemesh, by an Antiquities Authority team headed by Prof. Amos Kloner.

Only two other Roman amphitheatres, one in Nablus and the other in Beit She'an, have been found and they are incomplete.

The theatre, with a 54-metre diameter, is constructed of cut stones in rows of arches which make up a domed cloister. There are two entrances leading to the 14 rows of benches, which could seat 6,000 people.

Ten other entrances led from the theatre in the arena, where gladiatorial contests were held.

The theatre was in use during the third and fourth centuries CE.

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Chief Rabbi dies

PARIS — Meyer Jais, a former Chief Rabbi of Paris, has died at age 86.

Born in Madea, Algeria, in 1907, he came to Paris when he was 13.

He started his career as rabbi of Hagenau, Alsace, where he remained till the outbreak of World War II. He joined the army and became chaplain at the Tunis headquarters.

In 1940, he was appointed chief rabbi of Constantine, Algeria, and chaplain of the pro-De Gaulle French troops in Africa.

Following the liberation of France, he became the chief chaplain of the French army, and rabbi of two synagogues in Paris.

Elected chief rabbi of Paris in 1955, he was the first Sephardi to hold this position.

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Etiquette maven dead

TEL AVIV — Hanna Bavli, Israel's "high priestess of etiquette and behavior," who taught generations of Israelis the correct manner of dress, public behavior and how to use a knife and fork, died in Tel Aviv at the age of 93.

Bavli grew up in St. Petersburg and came to Palestine at the age of 18.

Speaking nine languages fluently, Bavli was recruited by the intelligence wing of the Haganah.

She served as the honorary secretary of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra for some years and went to South Africa as the wife of the Israeli ambassador.

Upon her return from South Africa, at the age of 60, she began her new career, "teaching brash young Israelis how to behave properly," according to her son Mickey Bavli.

Accounting firm omits Israel from directory

LOS ANGELES (JTA) — KPMG Peat Marwick, the world's largest accounting firm, has been accused by the Simon Wiesenthal Center of purposely omitting Israel in its worldwide directory of offices and affiliates in order to avoid offending Arab clients.

The firm's 399-page directory lists branches in 161 countries on six continents and in more than 800 cities. Not listed is the Tel Aviv-based firm of Kesselman & Kesselman, which has worked with Peat Marwick for the past decade, said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center.

However, information on Peat Marwick's contact in Israel can be obtained, at a client's request, in the form of a free-standing page, which the international accounting firm labels as an "optional insert."

In a letter to Jon Madonna, chairman of U.S. operations for KPMG Peat Marwick, Cooper protested that while the company's affiliates and consultants in other countries were listed in the directory, only Israel was relegated to an "optional insert."

"It is obvious that the failure to include Israel is seen as a way by KPMG International to allay certain Arab sensitivities," wrote Cooper.

"But in fact, this approach only serves to reinforce the very same reactionary forces in the Middle East which seek to torpedo a peaceful future for that region," the rabbi wrote.

Cooper requested Madonna's assistance in correcting "this misguided and unfortunate policy."

"President Clinton and Secretary of State (Warren) Christopher have indicated that it is the foreign policy objective of the United States to seek an early end to the Arab boycott of Israel," he wrote.

"The decision to finally list Israel as an equal among nations by your important and prestigious firm will add both symbolic and practical momentum in this direction," Cooper wrote in the April 26 letter.

He said last week that he had yet to receive a response.

But *The Wall Street Journal* reported that Madonna had sent a reply, dated May 15, in which he denied that KPMG was trying to circumvent the Arab boycott with the optional insert.

The company's worldwide regulations, he wrote, require that only firms with exclusive relationships with his company be listed in the directory.

Madonna added that Peat Marwick desires to be formally represented in Israel and "will continue to seek an appropriate format" to list an Israeli firm as "our service-provider of choice."

The *Journal* also contacted Avi Berger, managing partner of Kesselman & Kesselman, Israel's largest accounting firm, with branches in Jerusalem and Haifa.

Berger is reported as conceding that Peat Marwick did not list his firm in its directory because of the Arab boycott and only began offering the optional insert last year.

In the past, the Wiesenthal Center has protested similar omissions of Israel in brochures and maps issued by various airlines, the DHL Worldwide express mail service and other companies.

ICJW holds convention

JOHANNESBURG (JTA) — The International Council of Jewish Women held its 16th triennial convention here last week, the first international Jewish conference to be held in this country since apartheid laws were largely repealed.

Helen Suzman, a Jewish opponent of apartheid who spoke out against white-minority rule in her many years in the South African Parliament, welcomed conference delegates and talked of the nation's dramatic transformation.

First-time visitors to this country could "witness at close quarters the transformation of South Africa from an authoritarian regime, determined to maintain minority white domination at the tip of the African continent, to a non-racial democracy," said Suzman, holder of the honorary Dame of the British Empire award for her struggle against apartheid and for human rights.

The Union of Jewish Women of South Africa, which hosted the convention, said the meeting was significant because Jewish groups, as well as other organizations, had shunned South Africa for decades because of its white-minority apartheid regime.

Delegates from around the world listened to the keynote speaker discuss the process by which South Africa has been led to end apartheid and describe what challenges still remain ahead.

"The causes of the decision to transfer power are to be found in economic factors at home and abroad, and in the escalation of black resistance in South Africa," Suzman said.

She also reviewed the negotiating process and its setbacks, in particular the spates of violence that have beset the country.

"It is no exaggeration to say that the escalation of violence — political — as the different factions strove for power; and criminal — as unemployment increased — has become the predominant obstacle affecting the transitional arrangements," she said.

Regarding the Jewish community, Suzman said many Jews had left in past years to protest apartheid and that many continue to leave out of fear of what may transpire in the future.

Addressing Jewish issues, Suzman said there is "a modern diaspora in South Africa as far as the Jews are concerned."

There has been an exodus after every major crisis and, unlike the earlier emigration caused by distaste for apartheid, today Jews are leaving South Africa because they are uncertain of a future under black majority rule.

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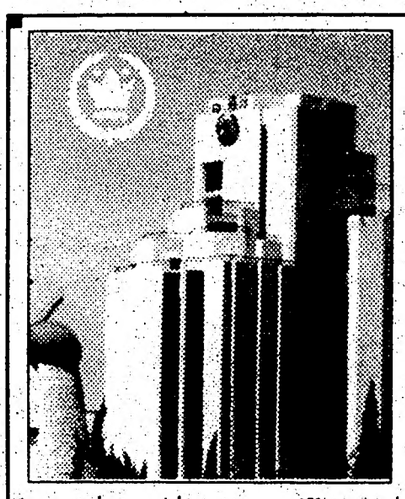

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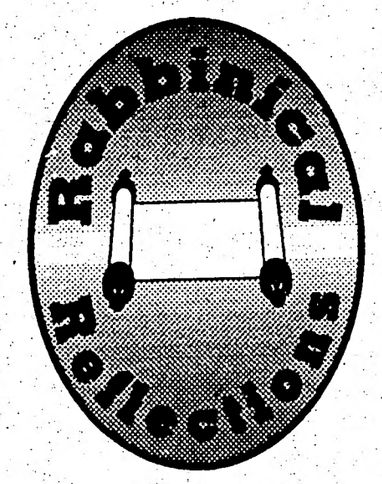


By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

Of the three major festivals, Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot, undoubtedly Shavuot is the quietest. While fall and spring holidays take a good week of time, requiring great home preparation, summery Shavuot lasts but two days (one day for Reform Jews) and focuses more on the synagogue.

Perhaps Shavuot is a quieter chag because it celebrates the moment when the Torah was given at Mt. Sinai. Midrash teaches that when the Torah was given no bird chirped, no waves roared, and every creature was silent as the entire world held its breath in hushed stillness before the voice of God. The Feast of Weeks remembers the ultimate silence when we Jews, a people of animated conversation, a people who love to play with words, had but one task, to listen to silence.

Shavuot thus reminds us that silence can be holy. Before we speak, we must listen silently to what we are about to say.

Talmudic rabbis often quote others: "Rav Yehuda taught in the name of Rav." This means that Yehuda relies on the authority of an earlier or greater authority for proof. At the same time, the rabbi is admitting that his approach is not original. It belongs to someone else, who deserves credit for the inspiration.

This we call speaking b'shem omro, speaking in the name of the one who said it. In Judaism, we treasure the concept of b'shem omro. To fulfill its ethic, we must quote accurately and in context.

It is wrong to attribute words to another that were never spoken or written. It is wrong to quote another out of context. It is wrong to rely on the authority of another when, in fact, that other entity does not directly back us up. Silence would be better.

We must be circumspect in what we say. It is possible to speak words in the name of the one who originally said them and to be honest, yet, at the same time, to sin.

Such is the way of loshon hara, the evil tongue. By definition, loshon hara is true. One who speaks loshon hara is stating an honest fact. He may even be quoting properly, yet the words should not be said, as in this case:

Two friends were talking. One said, "Chaim Cohen's cousin told me that Chaim married Sarah Goldberg just because her uncle left her a lot of money."

The other friend replied, "Well, I've known Chaim Cohen a long time, and you can tell his cousin that it simply isn't so. He would have married Sarah no matter who left her the money."

I think of a quiet Montrealer who never let himself get in the position of saying loshon hara. He would pause as if he were looking up to Sinai for inspiration, and then he'd say, "Well . . ." and leave it at that. His silence taught Torah.

Whatever words we speak that impugn the character of another should not be uttered, even if they're true, even if they're correctly quoted. Silence is more becoming to us than loshon hara.

On Shavuot, we stand once again at Sinai to receive the Torah. May zeman mattan toratenu, the time of the giving of the Law, remind us that we are still capable of silence. May it remind us that we and the words of our mouth stand before Sinai every day, and it is often good to know when to keep silent.

Rabbi Leigh Lerner is the spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Montreal.

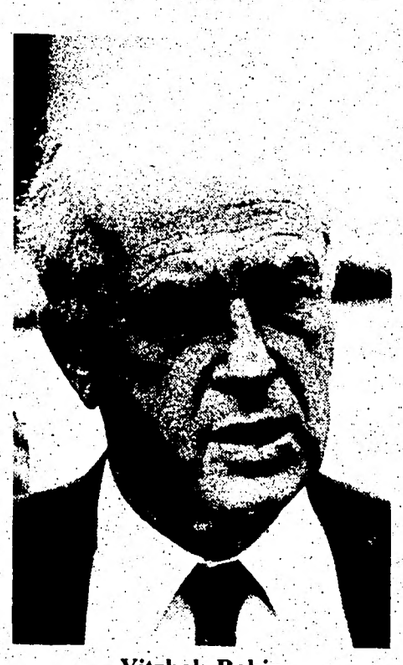
Rabin aims to broaden support

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin managed to stave off yet another looming coalition collapse in the nick of time last week, and immediately began negotiations with other political parties in an effort to broaden the base of his parliamentary support.

Trying to settle a bitter feud between his two coalition partners, the secularist Meretz bloc and the Orthodox Shas party, Rabin won agreement from the top minister of each party to temporarily "deposit" their respective portfolios in Rabin's hands for one week (until Tuesday, May 18), while a more permanent solution was being worked out.

The deal was struck just minutes before the Shas party chairman, Interior Minister Arye Deri, was to have resigned and pulled the party's six-seat Knesset delegation out of the Labor-led government, in an attempt to force Meretz leader Shulamit Aloni out of her post as education minister.

Under the deal, both Deri and Aloni became ministers without portfolio until a compromise agreement could be reached.



Yitzhak Rabin

Just after securing the one-week breather, Rabin proceeded to call in Avraham Shapira, leader of the fervently Orthodox United Torah Judaism Front, and asked him to begin negotiations with Labor with a view toward joining the coalition.

Similar efforts were expected to be made with the National Religious Party and with Rafael Eitan's Tsomet party. Labor appeared prepared to promise these two right-of-centre parties that any territorial concessions in peace talks with the Arabs will be made only if sanctioned in advance by new elections or a national referendum.

Rabin could then presumably offer the education post to NRP's Zevulun Hammer or to Eitan. Both men have said they see themselves as suited for the job. Hammer held it for years under the Likud-led coalitions of the 1980s.

But according to political observers, the best prospects of enlarging the coalition lay with United Torah, especially since Aloni has apparently been reconciled in principle to forfeiting the sensitive Education Ministry.

United Torah has said in the past that it could not join the government if Aloni were education minister.

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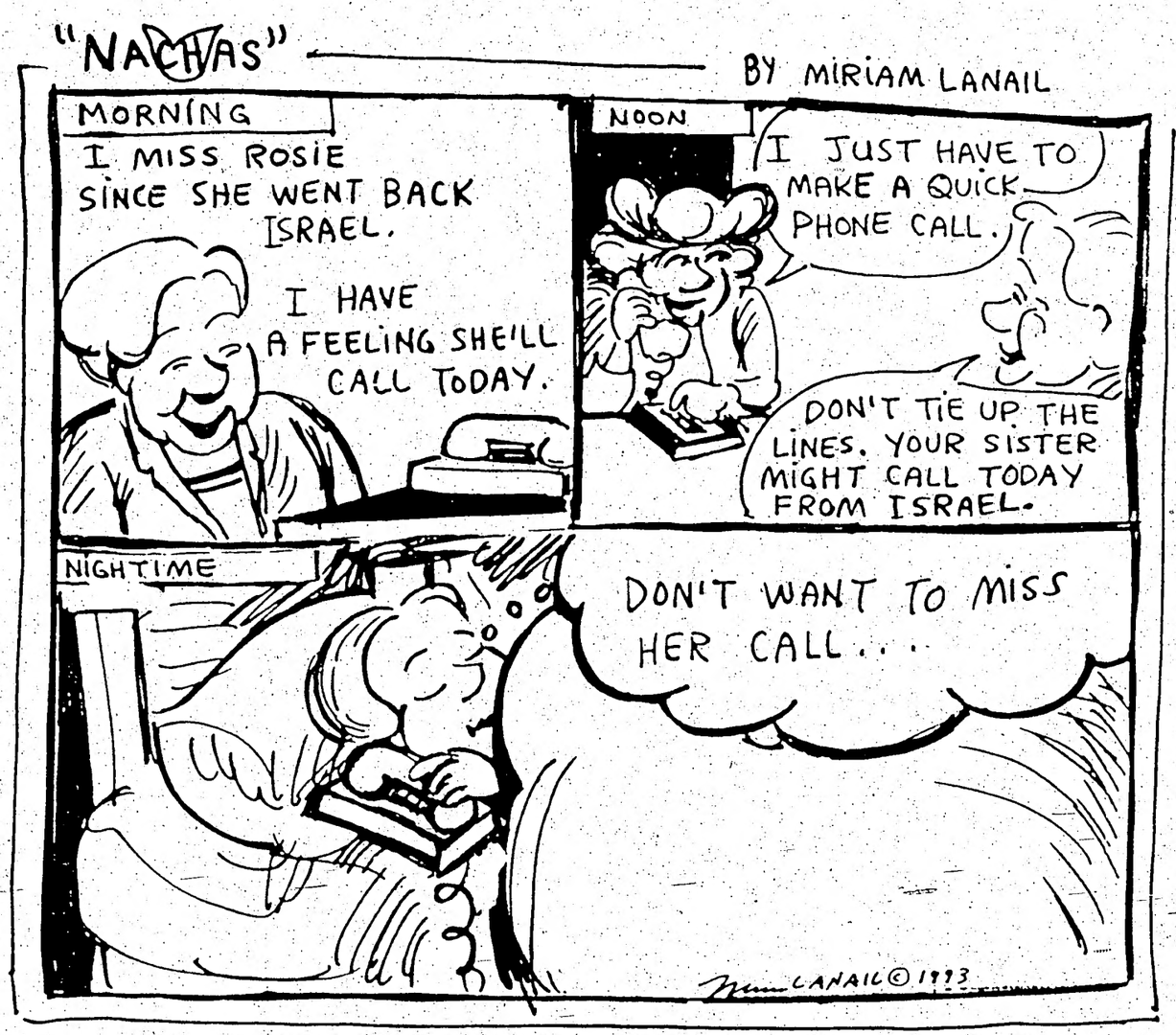
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Front Line

Homosexuals feel official-practical gap in military

By ETTA PRINCE-GIBSON

Has the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) opened its ranks to gays and lesbians? The answer is yes — and no. Official military policy responds with a qualified yes. But in practice, the answer may be somewhat different.

Until recently, homosexuality in Israel had not been discussed openly. In February 1993, the topic was brought to the public's attention when MK Yael Dayan, chair of the Knesset committee on the status of women, organized a conference of homosexuals. Eleven MKs from across the political spectrum attended, while religious and ultra-religious MKs boycotted the meetings. The proceedings were televised live, and the debate was on.

The passionate testimony of Prof. Uzi Even, now dean of the Department of Chemistry at Tel Aviv University, did much to spark that debate. Even, a professed homosexual, revealed that he had been forced, under protest, to retire from the army several years ago because of his homosexuality. He was deprived of his rank and discharged after 15 years of service in a highly sensitive security position. "I was in despair," he told the audience. "Why wouldn't they let me contribute to my country?"

Official military policy does not define homosexuality as an illness or as deviant behavior. According to Lt.-Col. Moshe Fogel, an IDF spokesman, homosexuality is not grounds for discharge and should certainly not affect promotion or advancement.

However, problems may arise for those requiring high-level security clearance. The IDF has a special screening system for homosexuals, designed to detect what Fogel termed "other possible mental difficulties or disabilities.

"The problem is the possibility of blackmail in highly sensitive positions," Fogel explains. "If a person has not declared his homosexualilty, he could be blackmailed. But if he has come out of the closet, then there is no problem."

But if there is no problem, why the screening procedure, which is applied almost exclusively to homosexuals and lesbians? According to Dan Yakir, attorney for the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, the procedure is discriminatory and illegal, although its legality has yet to be tested in the courts. And while homosexuality is not a categorical reason for discharge, Yakir contends that homosexuals' opportunities for service are severely limited. They may not serve in intelligence or in similar positions. And, Yakir notes, army regulations mandate their supervision, although this is seldom enforced.

Those emphasizing the military's relative openness point to the case of Col. Doron Meizel, an acknowledged homosexual. For more than a decade, until his death from cancer a year ago, Meizel held a series of high-ranking positions in the Israeli army, including head of its Medical Corps Training Centre. But Meizel's friends claim he was passed over for higher promotions.

Official policy is one thing, but social reality may be quite another. The army can issue regulations, but it cannot regulate opinions and attitudes. A homosexual who comes out of the closet may well encounter the same prejudice and homophobic attitudes he would find in society at large.

"If a person was competing for a high-level position in the army, I hardly think that declaring himself a homosexual would guarantee his promotion," admits Fogel.

Both army spokesmen and gay rights advocates agree that while advancement within the army may be limited, conscripts are not rejected because of their sexual preference. Army sevice is compulsory for most 18-year-old men and women in Israel. It is not only a rite of passage, but an important socialization experience and a key to future career and social opportunities.

"We know that serving in the IDF is a major stepping stone into adult life," says Fogel. "And the IDF has no intention of stigmatizing someone because he or she is gay."

But because conscripted army service is then followed by regular reserve duty until age 45, the IDF reflects prevailing social attitudes and mores. A.J., currently a student at the Hebrew University, agrees that he did not experience official discrimination during his army service — but nevertheless believes that his homosexuality prevented him from receiving choice assignments and positions. "No one ever said anything officially," he recalls. "But I know that I was held back because I am gay. One of my officers tried to get me kicked out of the army altogether."

Fogel says the IDF does not keep statistics on the numbers of homosexuals and lesbians who have served in the armed forces. But there are few openly-acknowledged homosexuals among the 18-year-old conscripts, partly because some young people do not form their final sexual identiyy until later in life, but largely because the soldiers know that admitting their homosexuality could cost them prized positions in elite units. Acknowledged homosexuals are found more frequently among the older career and reserve soldiers, who feel more secure in their personal lives and are more willing to be open.

Homosexuals feel the gap between formal legislation and social practice. Unlike legislation in many other Western countries, Israeli law defines sexual relations between consenting adults as their own private affair. However, the law has only recently granted homosexual couples a begrudging recognition, and homosexual lobbies wield no political power.

It is a sign of the changing times that the Israeli public has begun an open discussion of homosexuality. And the IDF, which is so much a part of Israeli society, has a major role in that debate. — WZPS

Total freedom in democratic society leads to anarchy

By JERRY ROSE

Edward Greenspan, profiled in these pages April 8, is an intelligent man advocating a disturbing view of civil liberties.

His argument calling for total freedom in a democratic society is a false one: Total freedom results in anarchy. All democratic societies impose legal limits on freedom of speech. Perjury and defamatory libel are but two of the many offences covered by criminal law.

The fact is that our own Charter of Rights and Freedoms recognizes limitations to freedom in a free society. Section I of the Charter states: "The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the rights and freedoms subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society." In the cases of James Keegstra and Don Andrews, the Supreme Court of Canada found that although Section 319 of the Criminal Code did infringe on freedom of expression, this infringement was legal and justifiable under Section I of the Charter as quoted above.

Greenspan errs when he states that Zundel was acquitted. This is not factual. Zundel was tried by two different juries and found guilty both times. On appeal, the Supreme Court ruled that Section 181 of the Criminal Code, under which he was charged, was unconstitutional. It is the opinion of many anti-racist groups, including the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith, the Canadian Jewish Congress, and the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations, that had Zundel been charged under Section 319 of the Criminal Code, he would have been found guilty. As a matter of interest, all three organizations mentioned above plus several others have petitioned the Attorney General of Ontario to recharge Zundel under Section 319.

Greenspan is obviously unaware of the fact that surveys following the two Zundel trials indicated that "the $10 million in free publicity" he estimated Zundel received did not adversely affect public attitudes towards Jews. In fact, it made many people more aware of the magnitude of the Holocaust. What many of us fail to recognize is that although effective criminal laws against hatemongers may not deter the hard-core racist, they can act as a deterrent for new or potential recruits.

More important is the recognition that neo-Nazis themselves are not the main threat to a democratic society. Apathy amongst the general public is the greater concern. Having strong, effective laws against racism sends a clear message to the population as a whole that anti-Semitism and racial hatemongering are not acceptable in our society. Such laws set guidelines for the public at large as to what is and what is not sociably acceptable.

Defining racism as an issue of free speech plays right into the hands of the Ernst Zundels, the Paul Fromms, the Wolfgang Droeges and other neo-Nazis. It gives them a very potent weapon with which to defend their insidious activities as well as those of the neo-Nazi organizations they support.

It is time we defined racism for what it really is:

a) A virulent disease that spreads quickly, particularly in times of economic stress, and can and has resulted in the deaths of millions.

b) Pollution of the mind that can be as great a threat to our environment as pollution of our natural resources.

Viewed from these perspectives, perhaps legal action against the perpetrators of hate may not seem unreasonable.

At issue is developing laws that are actionable, effective and not in violation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Greenspan's highly acclaimed legal talents might be better directed towards this aim rather than embedded in the false premise that the issue is free speech.

Of course I recognize that criminal action against hatemongers may not be the only or necessarily the most effective method of curtailing neo-Nazi activities. In the United States, civil law has been used effectively in this regard. Neo-Nazi Tom Metzger, leader of the white supremacist organization White Aryan Resistance, was fined $12.5 million in damages for complicity in activity resulting in murder, and notorious anti-Semite Lyndon LaRoche was sentenced to 15 years in prison for defrauding the Internal Revenue Service.

The Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations is presently investigating areas of non-criminal prosecutions that can be used against white supremacists and their Nazi collaborators. I'm sure any help Greenspan can offer in that direction would be greatly appreciated.

(Jerry Rose is national chair, communications, of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights and a member of the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations.)

Modern children's hospital is a real eye-opener

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

A 5-year-old Arab girl from the West Bank village of Kiri and a 6-year-old Jewish boy from Haifa are lying not far from one another at the ultramodern new Children's Medical Center of Israel, both recovering after kidney transplant operations.

The kidneys, from a year-old baby boy who suffered brain death in a road accident, will, hopefully, allow the two children to live without a constant need for kidney dialysis, upon which both have been dependent for survival until now.

Ulfat Nimer, the Arab girl, has had medical problems from the time she was 18-months-old, recalled Naeli, her mother. "Our village doctor," said Naeli, "gave her all sorts of medicines, but they didn't lower her temperature or end her diarrhea. So finally he sent her to a hospital in Nablus for treatment. But that didn't help either because their diagnosis — that she has thalassemia — turned out to be incorrect. Only when I finally took Ulfat to Shaarei Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem was her kidney infection accurately disgnosed and kidney dialysis begun."

Since the period of Ulfat's illness coincided with the intifada, I asked Naeli: "How did your fellow villagers — observant Moslems like yourself — look upon your decision to co-operate with the authorities by using Jewish medical services'?"

While obviously not too pleased to be asked such a question, Naeli answered it without undue hesitation: "There were certainly no objections from my neighbors, nor, for that matter, from my husband, who, being employed in an Abu Dabi supermarket, is away most of the time. Everyone agreed that Ulfat's wellbeing was more important than anything else. Even officials of the Civil Administration," she added, "did their bit. They gave me a special pass so that I wouldn't be stopped and searched at all those Israeli Army checkpoints."

Avishai, of Haifa, shared Ulfat's problems but not her background. He grew up in a big city, had access to top doctors from the beginning and has also been treated in oversea hospitals (when his father, Aaron Kleinman, was on sabbatical leave at Georgia Tech).

It was at the age of two that Avishai started being bloated and that protein was found in his urine. The Haifa physicians who examined him immediately understood that his kidney was not operating properly and put him on steroids, though, unfortunately, that didn't help him very much.

Treatment was continued and kidney dialysis embarked upon at hospitals in Atlanta. But the restrictions involved in day-after-day dialysis made both the boy and his parents feel under house arrest.

The family returned from Georgia and Avishai — aside from going for treatment at Rambam Hospital — spent every night hooked up to a dialysis machine (donated by the Atlanta Jewish community). Now, perhaps, the machine will be available for someone else to use, until he or she can also have a kidney transplant.

The type of ward where Ulfat and Avishai are recovering from their operations, is quite unlike the dreary, overcrowded ones to be found in other Israeli public hospitals. There are only two children per spacious room, splashes of color everywhere you look, a special lounge for parents and a plethora of toys. While perhaps not unusual by American standards, such conditions are a revelation in this country.

"Aren't they a bit too luxurious?" I asked Prof. Yehuda Danon, medical director of the Children's Medical Center of Israel.

"I think not," he replied. "Don't forget that standards have risen here over the years. Men and women are now used to shopping in spacious, air-conditioned malls rather than in hole-in-the-wall shops. And by the same token, they expect to be hospitalized in a comfortable, modern medical centre, not in an overcrowded 'medical warehouse.' In some cases, to be sure, these expectations can't be met as yet, but when you set out to build a new institution, particularly the first children's hospital in Israel, you must look to the 21st century, not the 19th.

"In any case," Danon added, "almost all the funds for this institution have come from private donors, who stipulated that their support had to be used for the creation of an absolutely up-to-date facility."

There may well be justification for the kind of wards, operating theatres and clinics one finds at the medical center, but its vast, marble-faced entrance hall certainly seems a waste of space and money. Danon, needless to say, disagrees, arguing that the open space creates a warm, non-threatening atmosphere for sick children and their parents when they enter the building.

Be that as it may, maintaining the present, pristine-clean look of that hall and of other facilities will not be easy, even with maintenance money promised by the Histadrut's financially-strapped Kupat Holim and income from a special endowment fund.

But despite that and other concerns, Danon and his colleagues are optimistic about the future of their institution, which they feel certain can bring new hope to the Ulfats and Avishais of this country, and, eventually, of the entire Middle East.

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Electoral reform needed

Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. This is a simple but profound truth which we have often repeated on this page because it is so seldom repeated by other media. And in the asymmetry of the "Arab-Israeli conflict," it is an important truth which helps to promote perspective and focus.

But we cannot avoid observing that the organization and structure of this precious democracy is in urgent need of fine tuning. Some would say overhaul.

As of this writing, the people of Israel are faced with the absurd spectacle of their prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, serving simultaneously as the minister of defence, minister of religion, minister of the interior and as the minister of education. While Rabin is a capable man, of broad shoulders and inexhaustible commitment, he is not that capable. He should not have to carry a five-ministry burden. Nor should his commitment be so unwisely tested.

Rabin has carried three ministries since he formed the government. To many Israelis this is problematic in and of itself. The additional multiplicity is an interim predicament triggered by the recent resignation of the interior minister. That predicament, however temporary, makes very plain, and renders more urgent, the need for electoral reform.

The minister's resignation was the immediate cause of this most recent coalition crisis. Without the parliamentary support of the former interior minister's party, the government cannot be certain of having a majority of votes in the Knesset. Without a majority, of course, as Canadians understand, the government is in jeopardy of failing.

The ostensible cause of the resignation lies in an ideological struggle within an ideologically incompatible coalition. But, in truth, the merits of the squabble are irrelevant. For there have been numerous similar resignations, or threats of resignations, in the past. What is relevant however, is the fact that the very foundation of the government structure is fundamentally insecure because it rests on a balance of coalesced party interests.

Israelis are appalled when ministers treat their portfolios as if they were a form of personal property, rather than a sacred responsibility. They are embarrassed at pre-coalitions where portfolios are bartered in public like marketplace meat. And they shake their heads in sweeping disbelief when cabinet ministers openly contradict established government policy.

The most recent coalition crisis could not have come at a worse time for the government of Israel for it undoubtedly undermined, to some extent, Israel's negotiating position at the difficult talks in Washington. Indeed, that may have been part of its purpose.

Two weeks ago, on May 13, as he officially stepped down from the presidency, Chaim Herzog eloquently and emotionally called for electoral reform to enhance Israel's democracy and to increase the stability of its national leadership.

For our part we hope the people of Israel and its legislators heed his call.

Unacceptable beliefs

The disquieting rumors that a small group of people within the Canadian Armed Forces actively support and belong to a white supremacist organization is cause for concern.

The perception that a problem does indeed exist has persuaded Defence Minister Kim Campbell to issue a statement to the effect that she is determined to keep such people out of the armed forces.

It should be noted that the Canadian Armed Forces has not been entirely free of this taint in recent years. Only two cases, it is true, have surfaced in which racism is said to have been involved, but both are unedifying.

One pivots around accusations made against two French-speaking soldiers who are alleged to have murdered an anglophone in Germany two years ago out of purely racist motives. The two are currently awaiting trial.

The other concerns a Jewish soldier who claims that his Jewishness has barred him from serving in a Canadian peace-keeping unit. This case has not yet been resolved.

Against this backdrop, the boast by a local Toronto white supremacist spokesman that he has recruited members of the armed forces into his organization and that some of these recruits have been involved in training other members in military tactics has an ominous ring to it.

If there are Canadian soldiers who foster the open teaching of contempt for fellow Canadians who are non-white or who do not belong to the "correct" religious or ethnic group, elementary decency demands that they be identified and disciplined.

The open espousal of such racist views within the armed forces is unacceptable on principle and contrary to Canada's commitment to human rights. On the operational level, moreover, the presence of openly racist soldiers in the armed forces can lead only to tensions that would inevitably affect the force's morale.

NOWHERE TO GO

Two homeless Russian immigrants sleep on a bench on Ben Gurion Boulevard in Tel Aviv. Unemployment is cited for the rising numbers of the homeless in Israel. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

ARAB PAY RATES

I am in disagreement with the policy used by business people in Israel who employed Arabs, especially in the building trades. The Arabs were not paid the same wages as the Israeli Jews for the same work.

That is morally incorrect.

I truly believe that a lot of the Arabs would not harbour such ill feelings toward the Israeli Jews if they were paid on a more equal footing in respect to the work they do in Israel.

Bella Brownstein
Montreal

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WATER AND OIL

Re: Canada has a rich history of multiculturalism (May 13).

I read the article by Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut but it depends through whose eyes one views multiculturalism. Multiculturalism does not work in Canada. Many multicultural programs are taught by the dominant race of our soceity. This is not a multicultural perspective; this is monoculturalism with an additive.

The attempt to understand culture and life-styles of a group should be viewed through the eyes of that group. But this would mean building social workers, policeman, teachers and government officials of various cultures. There appears to be very little that the three levels of government want to do to solve this problem.

As an Afro-Canadian born in Canada, it's very clear to me that multiculturalism does not work — the same way water and oil do not mix.

Robert White
Montreal

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CLARIFIES SHOW BOAT POSITION

I am writing to correct an erroneous statement made regarding my participation in the preparation of educational kits for *Show Boat*. I have also taken the opportunity to clarify my own position on the production.

Firstly, I have never been involved in the preparation of any educational kit or materials pertaining to *Show Boat*; nor do I have the intention of becoming so involved. This is not to suggest that I am opposed to the preparation of such kits. It seems to be that if *Show Boat* is going to be put on, those who attend must be made aware of the offending stereotype or ideas. Nonetheless, a significant segment of my community has expressed hurt and offense at the production and for that reason alone, I do not intend to rub salt in their wounds by taking what might be interpreted as a stand in favor of the production.

Secondly, I recognize Livent's right to produce any opera or theatrical position — given Canada's laws of free speech. I must also state that I unequivocally support my community's right to identify any production which stereotypes blacks as offensive and racist and to also protest such shows. Thus, I reject the suggestions by some in the 'mainstream' media that those who are protesting *Show Boat* are not concerned with stereotype in the production but are primarily anti-Semitic. That analysis is itself demeaning since it implies that black people lack the intelligence and the knowledge to recognize racism.

I must say that I am opposed to any suggestion or implication that *Show Boat* is a Jewish community production. *Show Boat* is not a Jewish community production but a Livent production (Garth Drabinsky's company). If I had produced a controversial work, that would not be a black community production, but my own or my company's production. I profoundly regret the bringing of black-Jewish relations to the forefront of the debate at the expense of a concentrated focus upon *Show Boat* itself. The issue is *Show Boat*, and its stereotypical baggage, not black-Jewish relations.

In conclusion, it is very important that we keep our eyes on the prize. *Show Boat* may be a symbol of the systematic disparagement of blacks but the crucial issue for the black community, at this particular time, goes beyond *Show Boat*. The crucial issue is the kind of academic education black children are reveiving in Canada's schools, or (next in line) it could be the amount and kinds of negative responses black applicants for jobs and promotions are receiving, or the kind of treatment blacks are receiving in the criminal justice system.

Whilst we must make it clear to the wider community what our stand is with respect to such issues as *Show Boat*, that many in our community are offended by the piece (a fact which indicates the need for reconsideration of public support for the production), we must always keep in mind the ultimate goal of our struggle. That is to create a society where respect for diversity and human dignity is a cardinal principle.

Emmanuel Dick
Toronto

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JEWS IN JAPAN

The Canadian Jewish News is for me a continual source of important Jewish news not available from the local Jewish press. Rabbi Gunther Plaut's column (*CJN*, March 11) was just such an item, devoted to a comparison of Jews and Japanese. The topic is of personal interest because of intermarriage between these two cultures within my greater family circle.

A large portion of the Jewish community of Kobe, Japan originated prior to Pearl Harbor because of the Fugu Plan, developed in secret by Japanese officials and designed to create an Israel in Asia under Japanese control. Although the plan was flawed and became moot after Pearl Harbor, it did save the lives of thousands of Eastern European Jews who found a haven in Japan. The story, stranger than fiction, was ultimately documented in the book *The Fugu Plan: The Untold Story of the Japanese and the Jews during World War II*, by Rabbi Marvin Tokayer, erstwhile chief rabbi of Japan and published in 1979 by Peddington Press Ltd., New York and London.

As to a comparison of Jews and Japanese, there is none more authoritative than *The Japanese And The Jews* by Isaiah Ben-Dasan, a Jew born and raised in Japan. Ben-Dasan says ". . . I am only too keenly aware of the difficulties involved in comparing them if the aim of the examination is to discover similarities." The book (paperback 4th printing) was published in 1984 by John Weatherhill, Inc., of New York and Tokyo.

Rolf D. Weglein
Los Angeles

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Opinion

Orthodox rabbi makes reading fun, instructive

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

For some time I have wanted to call my readers' attention to the lastest book by Joseph Telushkin, amongst whose literary credits are *Jewish Literacy,* several books authored jointly with Dennis Prager, as well as engaging detective stories.

It is called *Jewish Humor — What the Best Jewish Jokes Say About the Jews.* Reading it is not only fun, it it is also highly instructive. Telushkin is an Orthodox rabbi, with a lot of experience in personal communication (for some years he was associated with Dennis Prager at Camp Ramah in California, where I first met him).

What I like about this slender volume (it has only 237 pages, including a useful index) is the way the author puts a host of good stories into context by telling us what they reveal about the way we see ourselves.

He even brings us jokes from Orthodox, Conservative and Reform points of view, to show that — despite their different perspectives of Jewish law and life — they have a self-deprecating streak in common. In fact, it is a characteristic of Jewish wit that we laugh mostly at ourselves rather than others.

For that reason I was never comfortable with Groucho Marx's famous interviews, which to me were all too often merely embarrassing. This renowned comic, with his razor-sharp repartee ready at a moment's notice, used the poor people he had before him simply as his foil and had the audience laughing at them from beginning to end. Marx was a Jew by descent, but his humor was not.

Rabbi Plaut

Is there one definition that can capture the essence of Jewish humor? The author is dubious.

"How could one statement encompass jokes about Jewish mothers, reckless and rude drivers in Israel, and antisemites?...Jewish humour reveals a great many truths about the Jews, but not one great truth. Indeed, 150 years of Jewish jokes, and 2,000 years of folklore and witticisms, have the uncanny ability to express truths that sociological or other academic studies usually miss."

What then does make a joke Jewish? Obviously, says the author, it must apply to Jews, but not that alone. Jewish sensibility must also appear in the story, and that has to do with subjects and values that receive a great deal of attention among Jews.

"Antisemitism, financial success, verbal aggression, and assimilation are all particularly significant in Jewish life...Jews feel anxiety about all these subjects, and one of the characteristic ways in which they, and most other people, deal with their anxieties and fears is by laughing at them: Anything that can be mocked, immediately seems less threatening. The greater the anxiety a particular subject produces, the more jokes will be made about it. For instance, since most Jews feel quite comfortable among their gentile neighbors, relatively few jokes about antisemitism are being created.

"But look at collections of Jewish jokes from firty or sixty years ago, when Jews were far less secure, and you find many jokes ridiculing Jew haters. Among Jews in Russia, however, where antisemitism is still widespread — and was until recently government sponsored — such jokes are more common and are still being created." (His book brings us seven pages of them.)

Telushkin is not the first rabbi to undertake a collection of Jewish jokes. Some fifty years ago, Rabbi S. Felix Mendelsohn of Chicago produced a widely read volume, and since then many other collections have appeared. A ten page bibliography at the end of the book will give you a look at the large number of authors who have tackled this inexhaustible subject.

The Telushkin book is distinguished not only by the many jokes it brings us, but by the inventive and enlightening discussion that goes before and after. The stories thus do not stand by themselves; rather, they become as part of a larger tapestry that gives the reader both joy and at the same time a deeper understanding how Jews think, react and laugh.

There are additional notes that enlarge our perspective on the subject treated by the joke, and the author will often relate similar stories and their particular backgrounds.

The book ends with some jokes that fit nowhere in particular. Here's one of them:

"A Jewish woman goes into labor, and her husband takes her to the hospital. Throughout the night he hears moans coming from her room. He's a nervous wreck, pacing back and forth hour after hour, sweat running down his face.

Finally, the doctor rushes out. "Congratulations! You have a girl."

"Thank God," the man says. "She'll never have to go through what I just did,"

The book brings us the author's insights into the usual and unusual, the best loved and the least known tales. You'll enjoy them all.

Non-profit organization helps integrate Ethiopians

By DAVID RUDGE

An unusual organization is helping Ethiopians integrate into Israeli communities, despite recent protests against the move.

Several months ago, residents of Nesher, on the outskirts of Haifa, staged violent protests against attempts to move Ethiopian immigrant families into the area.

They blocked roads with burning tires and held demonstrations, saying they did not want the newcomers as neighbors because their presence would decrease the value of their properties.

The protests are signs that despite the warm welcome extended to the newcomers in the immediate wake of the Moses and Solomon airlift operations, not all Israelis want their black brethren as neighbors.

Recently there has been opposition of a more muted kind by veteran Israelis and especially Soviet new immigrants against the influx of Ethiopians into a prestigious new housing estate in Upper Yokne'am.

Behevrat, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to the speedy and effective integration of the Ethiopian immigrant community. After learning of the problems they are facing, Behevrat recently sent representatives to meet the residents and calm them down.

"We decided on an experimental project that hopefully will become a model for the successful transition of Ethiopian families to permanent homes," said Dr. Chaim Peri, director of the Yemin Orde Youth Aliya village on Mount Carmel and one of the initiators of Behevrat (which means "together" in Amharic).

"We structured a dual-track program to, on the one hand, help prepare the community in Yokne'am through various activities for the arrival of the Ethiopian families, while helping prepare the families themselves for the transitional move based on our experience with immigrants and especially Ethiopians at Yemin Orde," Peri said.

A seminar on Ethiopian culture and customs was held for the Yokne'am residents at the Neveh Carmel mobile-home site, on the outskirts of Haifa, where nearly 2,000 Ethiopian immigrants, as well as newcomers from the former Soviet Union, are housed.

"Those who attended, including Yokne'am Mayor Simon al-Fassi, greeted the Ethiopians scheduled to move to the town and assured them of a warm welcome," Peri said.

In parallel, Ethiopian educator Zauda Zagaya, who works at Yemin Orde, held an intensive seminar for the 28 families destined to move to Yokne'am to help prepare them for the move.

"He covered every aspect of their forthcoming transition, including some painful issues such as the possibility of them facing animosity and rejection, its roots and ways to overcome these problems. He also explained to the Ethiopian families the life-style in modern Israel," Peri said.

A video touched on intimate matters such as personal hygiene, how to run a household economically, supermarket shopping, public behaviour and other issues, some of them raised in a round-table discussion between veteran Ethiopian immigrants and Israelis and newcomers.

Peri said the aim was to try to show the newcomers various aspects of Israeli life and society in order to help them fit in, while promoting pride in their own culture and traditions.

Behevrat, which is composed of Israeli businessmen, academics and teachers as well as veteran Ethiopian immigrants, and which is working in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of Atlanta (USA), has offered to construct a public park and children's playground at the new Yokne'am housing estate for the benefit of all the residents.

Amos Shein, director-general of Behevrat, said the aim was to design a park that would reflect some aspects of the Ethiopian community and possibly include a traditional tukul hut as a centerpiece.

"The intention is to show both the local residents and the Ethiopian families that they have backing and that together there are projects and programs which can be devised and implemented for the benefit of all," Shein said.

"The children, who are basically the hope for the future, are already playing together outside, and it would be nice to see them have a place where they can play safely instead of amid the piles of leftover building materials," he said.

One of Behevrat's first activities was the construction, prior to the High Holy Days last year, of a synagogue at the Neveh Carmel site at a cost of around $25,000 for the new immigrants housed there.

The organization, which co-operates with official public bodies and is funded on a equal basis by the Israeli members and the Atlanta Jewish Federation, is also working on many other projects aimed at helping the Ethiopian families at the Neveh Carmel mobile-home site in many aspects of their daily lives.

Shein said these included plans to allocate plots of land at the site to enable people, particularly unemployed men, to grow their own fruits and vegetables.

The group has also enrolled the aid of tennis star Shahar Perkis, who is helping to teach groups of youngsters the rudiments of the game with the aim of ultimately establishing a tennis team. Other sports and recreational projects at the site are already under way.

"We plan to hold a summer camp at the site and the Atlanta Jewish Federation is to send over 10 to 15 instructors who will work with a similar number of Israelis and Ethiopians to first train other guides and help run the program on similar lines to the 'big brother' scheme," said Shein.

"We are also in the final stages of preparing what we hope will be a monthly news magazine in Hebrew and Amharic for residents of the site and Israeli residents in the area," he said.

Daily activities include weekly meetings for Ethiopian women where they can bring along their children, take part in discussions of their problems and, in the process, learn Hebrew.

"We were also asked to help arrange a wedding at the mobile home site, and we are now seeking the aid of real estate agents who can help advise the immigrant families on all aspects of buying homes, including the problems and pitfalls," he added.

--JPFS

House moving a valuable learning experience

By ERICA MAYER RAUZIN

We have been in our new house for two weeks. One day, it will be a lovely, organized, welcoming home. Today, it is chaos, and I am accountable.

Unfortunately, I am also flat on my back, staring at towers of unpacked boxes. I have a bad case of "amateur mover's back." My back started to ache while we were packing up the old house. I basically ignored it and kept on stuffing boxes. But during our second evening in the new house, I bent down to get a box that was under the dining table, couldn't straighten up in time to relax for a big dust-induced cough, and whammo, there went my back. Torn ligament, said one doctor. Torn muscle, said another. Bed rest, stay flat, take painkillers, don't even think about moving for three to five days at least, they agreed.

So here I am.

With my mother, who delayed her vacation to tend to me.

With my children, who are accustomed to seeing me constantly busy and to having me cook three square meals a day.

With my husband, who is being a brick about the whole thing but wishes I could get up just long enough to find the box with all his ties in it.

And, without my housekeeper, who is — of course — on vacation.

I have learned several things from this experience.

The first lesson is that if everything in your body is in reasonable working order, you should thank heaven five or six times a day. I don't think I ever said a specific prayer along the lines of, "Thank you, Lord, that I can roll over to the left to reach my night table. Thank you that I can stretch my arm enough to pick up my pen when I drop it in the middle of a crossword puzzle. Thank you for making me able to bend, stoop, stretch, squat, reach, sway and stand up." I never mentioned those particular blessings before, but I do now.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

The second is that packing boxes are ill-tempered, insidious things.

They maliciously tumble down from their stacks, mysteriously pop open at the worst possible times and sneakily conceal hidden treasures in their styrofoam popcorn.

If you stuff them and then stack them and leave them alone, they multiply. I have seen a pile of four boxes become a pile of eight boxes overnight. Spooky, but true. If you pack a box and then write its contents on the outside, clearly, in red marker, you have created a temporary truth. If you leave the box alone long enough, either the markings or the contents change, transmutating in such a way that the writing on the box no longer bears any relationship to what is actually inside.

This is particularly true of boxes with lids that are taped on. A couple of our box tops got switched along the way and I still haven't found any of the lids to my milchig pots and pans, even though I possess an empty box clearly labeled "Milk lids." See, the boxes lie. And I lay.

The third lesson is that the most important factor in buying a house is choosing your neighbors. Of course, we looked for a house in a neighborhood where we already knew people, nice people, people with kids the same ages as our kids, people who were also kosher and Sabbath observant. We hoped we could fit in and come to know people better.

We did not know that these same people, these new neighbors, both the people we knew before we moved in and the ones we didn't know, would — during our first two weeks in their neighborhood, mind you — feed us on Shabbat, drive our kids home from school every day and bring us stuff from the grocery store. My old neighbors would have done all that for me, sure, but they'd had me around a long time. They were used to the give and take.

But my new neighbors? Just imagine appearing in a neighborhood, doing the first round of hello's, and then having to announce, "Well, I ruined my back and the doc has sent me to bed for five days. You guys manage my stuff for me, okay?" And they do.

People with an attitude like theirs don't stay new neighbors very long; pretty quickly, they become old friends.

Features

Kibbutz home to Canadians

Sheldon Kirshner visits Kibbutz Barkai and talks with kibbutzniks who previously lived in Canada.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

When Aaron Friedman of Winnipeg dropped out of the University of Manitoba in 1950 and announced his intention to make aliyah, his parents were less than thrilled. "In fact, they were very upset," he recalled the other evening. 'Why should my boy go to be a pioneer?' "

But Friedman, an alumnus of the Hashomer Hatzair youth movement, disregarded their qualms and pursued his dream.

When Friedman arrived at Kibbutz Barkai, near Hadera, he immediately realized it would not be a bed of roses.

"Life was very hard at the beginning," he recalled.

Strict rationing was in force; prefabricated buildings and drafty tents passed for homes; the communal dining room, fashioned of tin, was either too hot or too cold; and, with only four trees, the kibbutz looked forbiddingly bleak.

Furthermore, a cultural clash, pitting North American olim against Romanian and Polish settlers, caused tension.

And for so-called Anglo-Saxons like Friedman, learning Hebrew was a mighty obstacle. "You couldn't go to plays or movies in the first years. You missed out on local culture."

For a while, Friedman was so homesick that he anxiously awaited back issues of the *Winnipeg Free Press* mailed to him by his mother.

He was not deterred by prevailing conditions, but many North American settlers couldn't adapt and departed.

"Today, it's like night and day," he said. "I don't worry about the next meal, and the main problem is what TV channel to watch."

When he was a young man, Friedman, now 66, worked in the fields, tending to the banana plantation and, later, the avocado grove. Today, he is employed in the plastics factory.

Upon leaving Winnipeg, he thought he had burned his bridges. But as it turned out, he missed his family and, most of all it seems, his grandfather's Passover seder.

Eventually, Perlman got married and sired four children. One is a resident of the kibbutz, two others live elsewhere in Israel and a fourth, Michael Swartz, has relocated to Toronto.

"Hebrew was also a problem," he added. "We didn't have time to learn the language properly." Although he is fluent in Hebrew, he has trouble reading Hebrew literature.

And in common with his fellow expatriates, he yearned for his family in faraway Canada. "We didn't think of our families when we made aliyah." To his everlasting regret, no one else in his immediate family — his brothers, his sister, his parents — settled in Israel.

After Perlman became a father, he realized, with a jolt, that his children would be brought up without the benefit of grandparents.

One kibbutznik missed family in Canada

Being a professional agronomist, Perlman tended to field crops. Then he looked after the herd of sheep and cattle. Now he works in the kitchen.

Still an idealist, Perlman is somewhat disappointed with developments that have taken place in Israel. As he put it: "Israel hasn't gone the way we had hoped — but Israel is my home, for good or for bad."

He longs for the day when Israel will be at peace with its Arab neighbors. "A lot of people want peace, but what are they willing to do for it?"

In the past four decades, he has visited Canada on three occasions. "I miss my family and friends in Canada, but I do not and never have identified with Canada." A slight smile crossed his face. "Canada is for the Canadians. I couldn't see myself living there."

And Snitz had to accustom herself to accepting group decisions, a common feature of the kibbutz. She hastened to say that she never equated this with a lack of personal freedom. "After all, we chose to live on the kibbutz."

In retrospect, she is pleased with her life. "I have no regrets. I'm very happy here. But the lack of peace is a hard pill to swallow. I once thought that there would be (an Arab-Israeli) peace agreement before my sons were inducted into the army."

She has two sons, 21 and 25, and both are students in Toronto. She also has two girls, aged 15 and 18.

Last year, Snitz and her family spent a year in Toronto with her parents. "I don't miss Toronto, but I do think it's a vital and interesting city. It used to be such a provincial town."

Shraga Artman, 40, resided in Toronto for about a decade before he and his wife Dina — a native of Romania — chose to settle on the kibbutz. They have three boys and a girl, ranging in age from seven to 16.

Born in Haifa, Artman is an eighth-generation Israeli on his mother Zahava's side. Artman's father, Mane, took the family to Toronto just after the 1967 Six Day War.

When he was 17, he dropped out of Downview's William Lyon MacKenzie Collegiate and, against his parents' wishes, enrolled in the Israeli army. Artman fought in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Returning to Toronto in 1975, he sold insurance. But feeling that they could give their kids a better upbringing on a kibbutz, he and Dina uprooted themselves from their comfortable existence in Canada.

"I'm pleased with Israel and the kibbutz," said Artman, the manager of computer operations at Givat Haviva, an institute which fosters Arab-Jewish understanding and co-operation. "It's a good way of life."

"It's nearly impossible here to be indifferent," he said. "Israel is like one big family. If someone in Vancouver gets killed in a car accident, you don't care. But here, you say, 'Oy vey.' It's like a small village."

Karen Fanaberia Eini and her husband, Rami,

Canadians on Kibbutz Barkai (from left): Dvora Snitz, Yosef Perlman, Aaron Friedman, Karen Fanaberia Eini and her baby, unidentified person, Shraga Artman, his daughter and wife Dina. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Friedman — who's related to Canadian communications magnate Izzy Asper — has four children and all but one of them, Ruti Weiss of Toronto, live in Israel.

Looking back, he has no regrets. "I'd do it again. The main thing is that we have a Jewish homeland."

However, Friedman is critical of Israel's lurch to the right in the past 15 years and its wholehearted embrace of American-style cosumerism. "Israel has become too materialistic."

Like Friedman, Yosef Perlman, 64, was born in Winnipeg. When he was nine years old, his family moved to Calgary, where he was raised.

Having obtained a degree in agriculture from the University of Alberta, Perlman visited Israel as a tourist in 1952. While studying Hebrew at an ulpan, he visited a friend at Kibbutz Barkai. So enamored was he of its lifestyle that he decided to stay. Ironically, his friend packed his bags and sought his fortune in the Diaspora.

"I liked the people, their dedication to hard work and the sense of sharing. My absorption to Israel was through the kibbutz. Everything else in Israel was remote and irrelevant and didn't affect me."

There were, of course, problems.

"It was difficult for a single person like myself to get along. The kibbutz was based on the family unit."

Dvora Snitz, 51, has called the kibbutz home for the last 30 years. A Torontonian, she and her husband Tzvi, an American from Detroit, were channelled to Israel via Hashomer Hatzair.

Her family immigrated to Canada in 1949 from the Soviet Union via Poland and Germany. She grew up around Spadina and Dundas, and to this day her parents, Hanna and Phillip Price, run a men's wear store at Dundas and Dufferin.

"We made a conscious decision to settle in Israel," she said. "We were going to be pioneers and farmers."

But it was anything but easy.

"We had to make major adjustments. The kibbutz was very sparse. We had no phone. We were isolated. The standard of living was low. We lived in a wooden hut for a while."

She laughed. "We would have been disappointed had Israel been more affluent. The kibbutz fitted our preconceived image of Israel. We made a conscious choice to do without."

Like the other Canadians, Snitz struggled with Hebrew. "It took longer to learn because of the number of English speakers on the kibbutz." Upwards of 50 percent of its current population is of North American origin.

"The hardest thing was the separation from our families," she observed. "We wondered whether we'd see them again."

have been residents of the kibbutz since 1989. Eini, 29, is a Montrealer who has studied at Dawson College, McGill University and Tel Aviv University. An English teacher at the kibbutz elementary school, she is currently studying for her teaching certificate.

Dawson College's overseas program introduced her to Israel. Several years elapsed between that six-month study tour and her ultimate decision to immigrate to Israel.

She likes Israel, but has no illusions. "Israel is rough compared to Canada," said Eini, the mother of two. "Sometimes, the tone of language is harsh when it doesn't have to be. But the hardest part of adapting is the confusion and tension of political discourse."

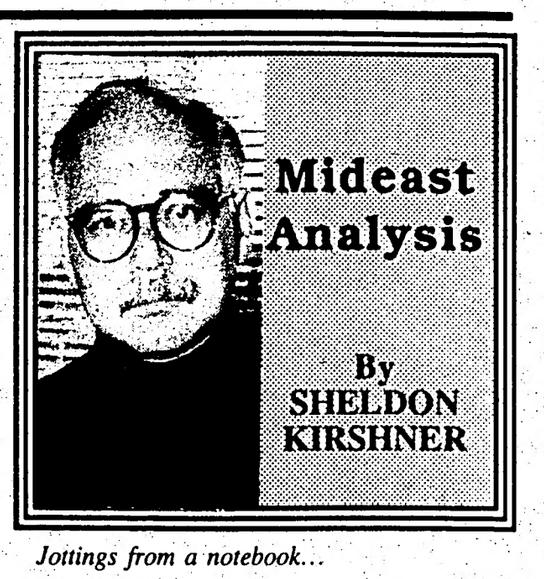
As well, she explained, it will be hard for her to be Israel when there is a death in the family in Canada.

"And," she added, "I am robbing my mother of enjoying her grandchildren."

Apart from family and friends, what Eini misses most of all is Bar B Barn ribs, Chinese food, workouts at the Y and skiing.

She appears content with her lot in Israel. But since her younger sister, Amy, told her she was leaving Israel, Eini has also contemplated that possibility.

"At this point, I'm here. But we'll see how it goes after she's gone."



Jottings from a notebook...

Cars are far more expensive in Israel than in Canada, both in proportional and absolute terms. That's because taxes are infinitely higher and salaries markedly lower. If you think Canadians are being taxed to the limit, pity the poor Israelis.

Nevertheless, Israelis are buying new automobiles as if there was no tomorrow. As a result, Israel's overburdened highways and roads are clogged by monumental traffic jams.

Congestion in the cities is particularly annoying. In Jerusalem, I hailed a cab so that I would not be late for an interview. I should have arrived at my destination in 10 minutes. Instead, it turned into an interminable journey. The driver cussed, and I anxiously glanced at my watch. In exasperation, I got out and walked the rest of the way. It was faster.

Once upon a time, before the Six Day War, a car was considered a luxury item. But no more. Today, many Israelis own a car, new or used.

New immigrants, especially those from the former Soviet Union, have joined the maddening rush to acquire wheels before their tax-free privileges expire. Some who make such purchases plunge deep into debt, and are eventually forced to sell their shiny acquisitions.

Thankfully, Israel's public transportation system is usually first-rate. In many cases, I used inter-city buses to travel around the country, and was completely satisfied. They're punctual and reasonably comfortable. Egged, the bus company, has modernized its fleet. Double-decker buses, equipped with TV monitors and tables, have been introduced. Now you can really travel in style, like a mensch.

But regrettably, the central bus station in Tel Aviv remains a blight on the urban landscape. It is dirty, noisy, crowded and chaotic, and the quality of the air is atrocious because engines are often left on.

Road congestion; Vietnamese settlers

It is, however, colorful and vital. Hawkers shout as they dispense bagels, newspapers and drinks. Ultra-Orthodox Jews in caftans mingle with Ethiopians and young soldiers with submachineguns slung around their shoulders. Loud, sinuous Middle Eastern music assaults the ear drums. The aromatic flavor of felafel, roast chicken and fresh pastry tempt the palate.

There are insistent rumors that the new central bus station, construction of which began in 1972 and was suspended shortly afterward due to financial problems, is finally on the verge of opening. But such rumors have been heard repeatedly in the past two decades.

In the meantime, the old station continues to function, a pulsating eyesore.

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In 1979, at the height of the Vietnamese Boat People crisis, Israel admitted about 100 Vietnamese refugees who'd been rescued at sea by an Israeli trawler. Fourteen years later, the Vietnamese are still in Israel, having learned Hebrew and integrated themselves reasonably well into Israeli society. Those Vietnamese who arrived as youngsters have, to a large degree, really blended in. As I hurried to catch a bus in Tel Aviv one afternoon, I passed a soldier in full battle dress beside a public phone. He was Vietnamese.

The majority of Vietnamese bread winners appear to work in Chinese restaurants, of which there is no shortage in Israel. Like Jews in the Diaspora, Israelis love Chinese food. I fell into a conversation with the proprietor of one such restaurant, a Chinese man from Hong Kong who has lived happily in Israel since 1973. He introduced me to his daughter, 10, and his son, 7. They spoke perfect, Sabra-accented Hebrew. I was surprised and delighted.

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My Israeli friend, Arie, is normally an optimist. But after buying tickets to China for his wife, Ida, and himself, he said he had a feeling that this vacation trip would not be consummated. "In Israel, you never know," he observed knowingly. Several hours later, Arie, only 44, suffered a heart attack. After a bypass operation in Hadassah Hospital, he is recovering at home in Bat Yam.

But China still beckons.

Organizations and People

School bans non-Jewish dates

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate's policy of banning non-Jewish dates from its annual graduation dinner and dance has led to charges of racism by a non-Jewish staff member of the Jewish high school and the harsh glare of the national and local media.

"This has been our policy for a number of years," says Arnold Carmel, superintendent of the Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education. "As long as the graduation dinner and dance are sponsored by the school, they are Jewish-dated affairs. We articulated the policy more strenuously last year because, apparently, six or seven of last year's grad students were interdating.

"The major point is that our school system is supposed to promote the values of Judaism. A basic tenet is that intermarriage is unacceptable. Interdating is a process that can lead to intermarriage. We are talking about celebrating the end of 13 years of Jewish education. That celebration should be within the context of a Jewish value system."

The issue became public when it appeared on the CBC national news on Sunday, May 9, two days before graduation. It has since been covered by the *Winnipeg Free Press* and was the topic on a widely listened-to *Winnipeg Open Line* morning radio show on May 11.

The Jewish community and the Joseph Wolinsky graduating class have a variety of opinions on the subject. According to Jason Marantz, the graduating class president, "there is no real concensus" among his classmates except that the negative publicity was badly timed. "It was our graduation," he said. "We didn't really need all this. We had rather it happened at another time."

Carmel said calls from within the Jewish community have been equally divided between those who support the school policy and those who don't.

Carmel said the 27 graduating students were given a choice between having the dinner and dance within the context of the school and the interdating ban, having the dinner with staff in the school and dance outside without restrictions or having both functions outside without restrictions. He said the decision had to be unanimous and the students struggled with it for several months before opting for the school-sponsored option.

As to the dissenting teacher who boycotted the graduation dinner and dance to protest the exclusion policy, Marantz said he respects his freedom of speech but other students are angry at him for raising the matter.

Carmel said his board is "taking the teacher's stand under review. It is sad that the teacher chose to do this. There are other avenues he could have pursued." The teacher in question was unavailable for comment.

Carmel expressed surprise that the word "racism" is being used so loosely and in such an ill-defined way, as he sees it. "What this is saying is that a group doesn't have the right to protect itself and safeguard its future and particularly that it can't have private functions. This goes against the Canadian ideal of multiculturalism."

The board is reconsidering its policy in light of the negative publicity. "Our only option may be to have a family dinner on Friday night and a grad service and ceremony on Saturday morning and leave the dinner and dance up to the students," Carmel said.

The graduating students left for Israel on May 14. It is customary for the graduates to spend a summer in Israel, with the option to stay for a year.

In response to several phone calls, the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights was scheduling a meeting to discuss the matter.

Mennonites, Jews engage in talks

WINNIPEG — Representatives of the Jewish and Mennonite communities in Winnipeg held their first meeting May 14 in an effort to establish an ongoing dialogue between the communities.

The meeting was sparked by an article some months back in the *Winnipeg Free Press* about a Mennonite peace activist who had gone to the Middle East. The article recorded her impression of Israel vis-a-vis the Palestinians.

"The report was erroneous and confrontational," said Evelyn Hecht, director of community relations for the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC).

There is some dispute over who approached whom following the *Free Press* story, but Hecht met initially with Rick Fast and Ed Epp of the Winnipeg-based Mennonite Central Committee. Both sides report that first meeting went very well.

The MCC is an international development organization with projects in 54 countries. In the Middle East, the MCC has been helping Palestinian refugees with food, shelter and training since the beginning of the conflict in 1948.

"We try to stay away from political issues as much as we can and concentrate on a people-to-people approach, said Epp, head of MCC Middle East desk. He visited Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza earlier in the month.

Epp said dialogue between the Mennonite and Jewish communities will help prevent walls from going up. "We felt there were misunderstandings developing around some of the issues we are dealing with in the Middle East. With this and future meetings, we are trying to build trust between our communities. After all, we are all human."

Problematic political matters were not discussed, Hecht said. "We were looking for common ground."

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TORONTO — The volunteers of Zareinu, a school for special needs children, will be honored by the JEWEL Ladies Club of Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, at the upcoming Evening of Glamour and Glory to be held at Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre in Thornhill on Tuesday, June 8.

The Community Chesed Award, which honors Jewish women or organizations who make a difference in the life of the community, will be presented to Dr. Shoshana Zolty on behalf of the Zareinu volunteers. JEWEL Ladies, formed in 1985 under the direction of Rebbitzen Goldie Plotkin, began honoring such individuals in the late 1980s.

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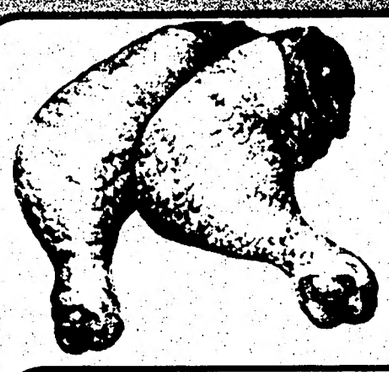

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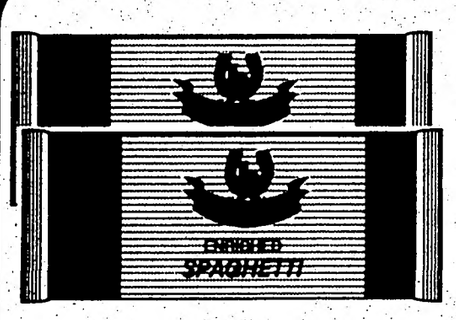

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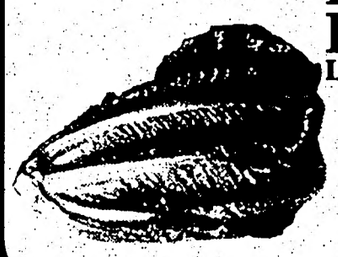

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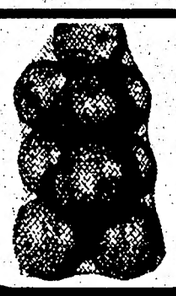

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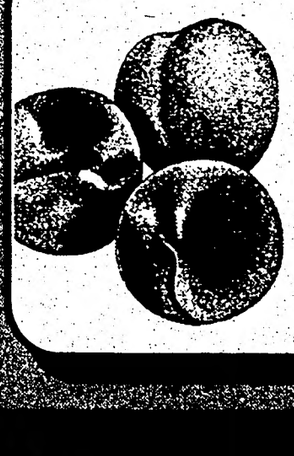

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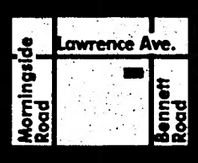

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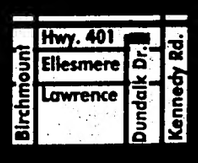

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Attempts to stop intermarriage may be limited, forum is told

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — Recommendations by a Candian Jewish Congress committee designed to tackle the problem of intermarriage and assimilation are off the mark, says the committee's former co-chair.

Eli Rubinstein was speaking at a panel discussion on How to Prevent Intermarriage and Assimilation, sponsored by the Association for Jewish Continuity and the Jewish Community Centre, North Y branch.

One suggestion from Congress' committee on Jewish identity Rubinstein criticized was the expansion of services enabling young Jews to meet. He said anyone attending such an event would already have a strong Jewish identity. Any Jew with a strong identity, he continued, is going to gravitate towards a Jewish mate.

"Many young [Jewish] people don't want to go out with Jews," Rubinstein said. "They are going to stay as far away as they can from them."

There are severe limitations, he said, to what organizations such as Congress can do about intermarriage and assimilation. The organizations depend on a broad range of supporters for financing and so have to be all things to all people. "[They] can't take any controversial stand.

"The only types of organizations that are going to have any effect [are] small grassroots organizations." He recommended that parents study the Torah daily, observe the Shabbat and keep kosher if they want their children to grow up with a strong Jewish identity.

Karen Mock, national director of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights, said that if children feel they are victims of anti-Semitism, they might want to be part of the preferred group.

Mock used as possible examples insensitive teaching of *The Merchant of Venice*, or little recognition for holidays like Chanukah within the classroom.

The child will ask, " 'why can't I be something else? Maybe I'll just try and pass and fit in and be like all the others.' "

She said public organizations, including schools, must integrate all religious and ethnic groups. "In those schools graduation exercises are not on Friday night."

Responding to an audience member who charged that the promotion of Jewish cultural identity is racist and apartheid, Mock said racism is saying other races are inferior. The view that there should not be different ethnic groups is a racist one. She said promoting Jewish identity is not racist. "It is part of the Jewish ethic to promote human rights. That's what we want for everyone else."

Another woman in the audience told Mock that her son, whom she raised with Jewish values, is dating a non-Jew. She asked what she could do about it.

"We can only do the best we can do," replied Mock. "At some stage we're going to have to trust that's going to come through.

Sandra Brown, chair of the Board of Jewish Education, said the amount and length of Jewish education a child receives is related to his or her views on intermarriage.

"We have to galvanize the whole community" to deal with intermarriage and assimilation, she said. The community through a coalition of Jewish groups, including university organizations, should state its Jewish values, she said, and leaders must communicate those values through the media.

The community ought to welcome young adults and young intermarried adults, Brown said, since they often do not feel welcome. "I don't believe we can prevent intermarriage and assimilation, [but] we can be more effective in dealing with this."

Shul employee is attacked

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — An employee of the Beth Sholom synagogue school was attacked last week by a man who walked in off the street and began hitting her while shouting anti-Semitic epithets.

The attacker was quickly subdued by shomrim (security guards) who were in the building to provide security for a meeting of the Canadian Zionist Federation, which was taking place in the synagogue at the time.

Police Det. George Cleverdon of 13 Division, which is located next door to the synagogue, said a 36-year-old male was arrested and charged with common assault.

The suspect is undergoing a 30-day psychiatric evaluation, Cleverdon said, adding that the individual had been released recently from the Queen Street Mental Health Centre. Cleverdon said there was "nothing to indicate he's a member of a white supremacist group."

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Organizations and People

Jewish university students face new anti-Zionism problem

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — Jewish students on Canadian university campuses are the victims of a new form of anti-Semitism, according to one student leader.

Yakov Feig of Ottawa's Carleton University said blatant anti-Semitism is no longer fashionable in the university setting. Instead, anti-Zionism is the newer and more subtle impetus to anti-Jewish feeling on campus.

Feig was a panelist during a recent discussion on the challenges facing Jewish students on campus. The discussion was part of a regional conference of the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF) held at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Panelists and audience members spoke of bomb threats and the underlying anti-Semitism on Canadian campuses. Two years ago at the University of Toronto, a commemoration of Israel Day was disrupted by numerous bomb threats, said panelist Yehuda Poch. The threats were unfounded. An Israel Day celebration at Carleton University in Ottawa was also the target of a bomb threat.

But audience member Dyanoosh Youssefi said such threats are the work of radicals. "Those bomb threats aren't supported by large groups such as the Muslim Students Association [at U of T]," she said. "They just don't speak out. There are moderates we can talk to."

The average university student is apathetic about the situation in the Middle East, according to Feig, and the Canadian media often takes the side of the Palestinians. This unbalanced view has lead to feelings of anti-Zionism. "Due to lack of knowledge, it's easy to manipulate students," Feig said.

An example was a lecture by Norman Finkelstein at Queen's University in Kingston this past school year. Finkelstein, a Jew and the son of Holocaust survivors, was sponsored by an Arab students' organization. Finkelstein has compared Israelis to the Nazis and Rabin to Hitler.

Jewish students complained to the university, said Marc Zarenda, a panelist representing Queen's Hillel. The university refused to ban the speaker and at his lecture Finkelstein said Jewish students were behaving like Nazis for protesting his presence. "The Arab students started clapping wildly," Zarenda said.

Both Zarenda and Poch said community resources are the only way to fight anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism on campus. Zarenda suggested the CZF circulate a list of speakers who could address subjects like racism, Israel and the Holocaust. The list could be distributed to Jewish student organizations, and speakers would be reimbursed for their travel expenses only. "The small universities don't have much money," he said.

Poch urged for the creation of information centres on campuses to educate both victims and perpetrators of anti-Jewish attacks. He said when an article accusing Jews of brutalizing women and violating human rights was published in the student newspaper *The Varsity* two years ago, only two letter writers could refute the author's views with facts. The article was written by a Jewish woman, Naomi Klein, who went on to become the paper's editor.

CZF executive vice-president promised his organizaton would stand by the students and give them what they need to help meet the challenges facing Jewish students on campus.

Fromm attended party for Hitler, report finds

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Lawyers for the Peel Board of Education last week were studying an addendum to a report on controversial teacher Paul Fromm that found "many parents would not want their child in Mr. Fromm's class because they are opposed to his conduct and beliefs."

Lawyer Jeff Cowan, who prepared the addendum to a February 1993 report at the request of Ontario Education Minister David Cooke, said the addendum does not alter his earlier conclusion that "Fromm's public activities were inconsistent with the fundamental or 'core values' which is a teacher's duty to 'inculcate by precept and example'."

Responding to the addendum, Canadian Jewish Congress renewed its call for Fromm's dismissal, arguing that his support of racist groups and extremists disqualified him as a teacher.

"The list of Fromm's nefarious activities in support of extemist racist causes, now coupled with corroboration that he attended a birthday party for Adolf Hitler and travelled to speak on behalf of David Irving, a Holocaust denier deported from Canada, leaves the public school board with no other alternative but to dismiss Fromm from his duties," said Gerda Frieberg, chair of Congress' Ontario region.

John Cappelletti, communications officer for the Peel board, said the earliest the board could consider the Fromm case was at an in camera session at its May 25 meeting. He said the Fromm case might not make it onto that meeting's agenda.

In his addendum, Cowan stated that he stands by his earlier conclusion that "Fromm's presence as a teacher has had an adverse effect on the school community."

Cowan wrote in his February report that Fromm attended a 1990 Martyr's Day rally for Robert Jay Matthews of the racist U.S. group, the Order, and shouted, "scalp 'em," during remarks by Native leader Rodney Bobiwash to the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Race Relations.

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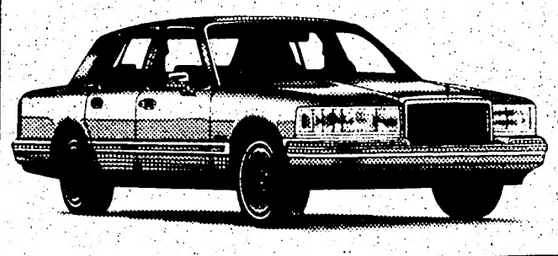

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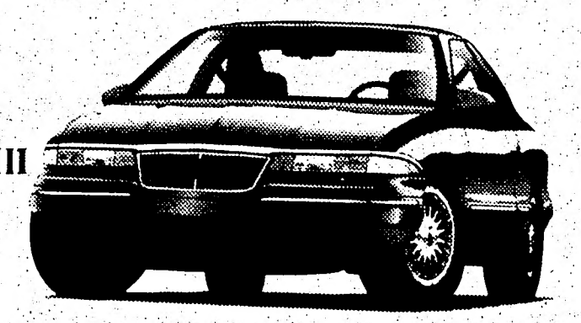

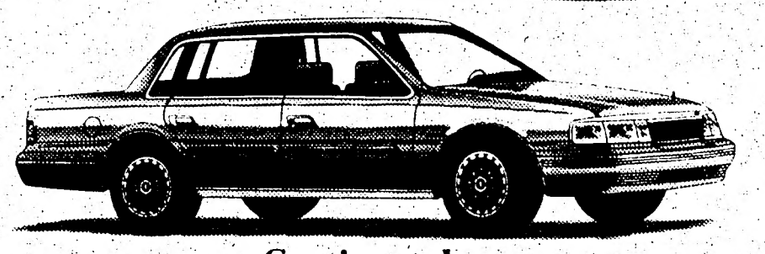

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Organizations and People

Memorial for Soloveitchik

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO — Toronto last week joined cities around the world in honoring the memory of the great Torah scholar, teacher and posek Rabbi Joseph Ber Soloveitchik, explained Jack Kahn, national president of Mizrachi of Canada.

The memorial tribute, held at B'nai Torah Congregation in North York, was co-sponsored by the Vaad Harabonim, Mizrachi of Canada, and Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, spiritual leader of Torath Emeth Congregation, Av Bais Din (head of the Orthodox rabbinical court) of Toronto and a student of Rabbi Soloveitchik, called the evening Toronto's "opportunity to give expression to its pain and anguish" at the loss of "the Rav," as he was affectionately known.

He spoke of the clarity and incisiveness of Rabbi Soloveitchik's teaching, of his modesty, and of his total dedication to the principle that Halachah is the foundation on which Jewish philosophy must be based.

"He used language as a tool to paint a picture that remained for all time," Rabbi Ochs remembered, quoting as an example "he galloped out of the pages of Jewish history."

Although Rabbi Soloveitchik was known for publishing very little, he did, said Rabbi Ochs, speak out about what he considered important.

In a well-known article in the *New York Times*, the rabbi said, he protested mixed seating, calling the custom "the Christianization of the synagogue."

He also spoke out against interfaith dialogue on religious matters, although he accepted it on matters of social welfare, saying that different faiths don't even speak the same language. His students, Rabbi Ochs said, followed his rulings.

Unlike many other religious figures, he saw no conflict between religion and science. "He felt how could there be a conflict between the beauty of the world, an expression of the physical world of G-d, and Torah, the expression of the ethical will of G-d?"

Rabbi Hershel Schachter, rosh kollel of Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (the rabbinical school of Yeshiva University), keynote speaker, described how Rabbi Soloveitchik believed in the concept of Torah being passed from generation to the other.

"You always heard him say 'How would my father or grandfather' (noted Torah scholars, part of the Brisker line of rabbis) deal with this?' "

He recognized, said Rabbi Schachter, that the same halachic question, posed at different times, would call for different answers. This was true for such matters as Zionism (which he supported, in its religious zionism philosophy) and secular studies.

"Some scholars look for chumrahs (minute theological distinctions): he just looked for the truth."

He was also a strong believer in the importance of minhagim, religious customs, and wrote and taught extensively about them, Rabbi Schachter said.

He urged Rabbi Soloveitchik's students to record everything they had heard him say, "so that his Torah is not forgotten."

Psalms were recited by the Rav's nephew, Rabbi Chayim Soloveitchik, rosh yeshiva of the Hamilton yeshiva, and Kel Maleh Rachamim, the memorial prayer, by Rabbi Avishai David, rosh yeshiva of Or Chaim Yeshiva and Ulpanat Orot Girls School.

Rabbi Rafael Marcus, spiritual leader of the host congregation, gave the concluding remarks.

Kurt Rothschild, president of the Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University, introduced Rabbi Schachter.

Abella says thank you for new funding program

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The new program will be a continuation of 25 years of program development at the Centre, which offers an interdisciplinary program in the faculties of education and arts. Through the Centre, students can get a BA and B.Ed, qualifying them to teach in both the secular school system as well as in the Hebrew day schools.

York University president Susan Mann, Jewish Studies Program coordinator Michael Brown and Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella were present at the formal announcement. Abella thanked Weiner on Eisen's behalf.

"This would have been a moment that [Eisen] would have cherished," Abella said. "He saw the potential of Jewish studies, and campaigned, nudged and harassed until we [got to this point] this afternoon."

Prof. Gail Guthrie Valaskakis, dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at Concordia, said this program is unique in its idea of a "marriage" between the two facilities. "It joins together the two best and strongest Jewish programs," she said. Concordia will launch their half of the program in early June.

Eisen said he sees this grant as only the beginning. "I would like to see a real centre of Jewish learning develop. We should be doing important research, building bridges, expanding our course offerings, opening up new areas, like studying the Sephardi community, the effect of Canadian survivors on public policy towards genocide, sport and recreation and Jewish film."

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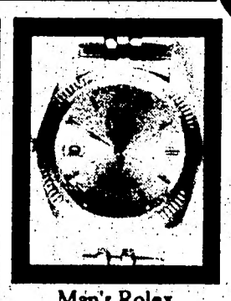

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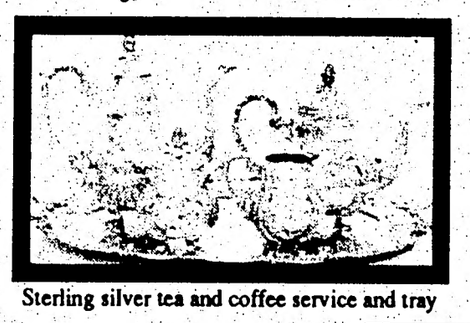

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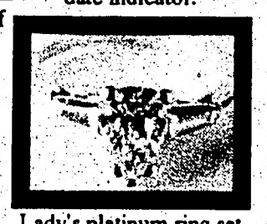

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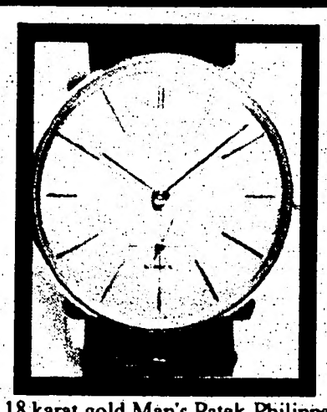

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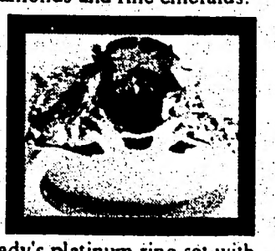

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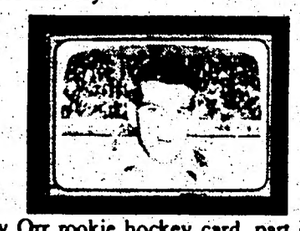

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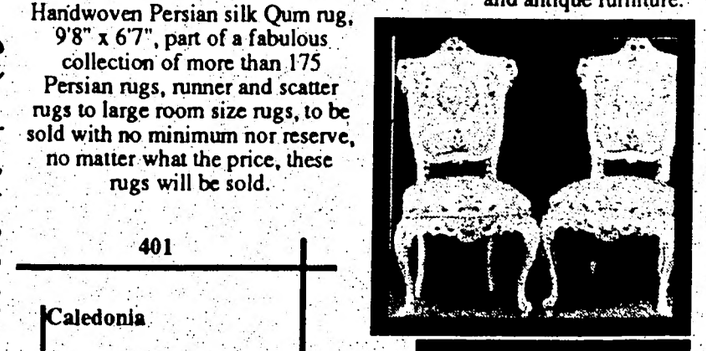

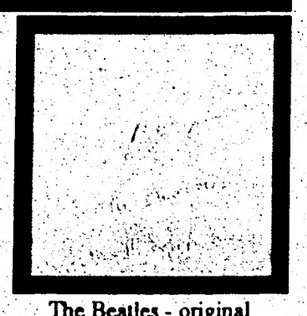

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Organizations and People

Students demand Zundel face new charges

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — About 75 chanting and placard-waving students marched outside the offices of Ontario Attorney General Marion Boyd recently, demanding that Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel be charged with promoting hatred.

The curbside demonstration marked the second in two weeks that the university and high school students, organized by the Jewish Students Network, pressed their call for criminal charges against Zundel for denying the Holocaust.

Grayson Levy, chair of the anti-Semitism task force of Network, said the students were upset that Boyd has declined to meet with them and receive their petition.

"We feel that Marion Boyd, by not meeting with us, shows that she does not see this as a priority," he said.

"The laws in Canada are not meant to be enforced selectively," said Talia Klein, national chair of Network.

Network will continue to press the minister to lay charges, Klein said, adding that the student organization is planning a series of rotating national hunger strikes to highlight the importance they put on the issue.

"We want Boyd to realize that this is a priority issue, not just for Jews but for all people," Levy said. "We want her to have Zundel on the brain until she realizes that enforcing the law is her priority."

Suzanne Bernier, communications assistant at the Ministry of the Attorney General, said the ministry had received a faxed transmission of the petition and that a delegation representing various Jewish groups, including Network, met recently with Michael Code, assistant deputy attorney general in criminal law.

The Zundel question was among the issues they discussed, she said, "so I was confused about why they were out there."

Student marchers demonstrated in front of Attorney General Marion Boyd's offices on Bay Street in downtown Toronto. [Paul Lungen photo]

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Economy forces changes: Golden

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Charities in the 1990s will have to diversify and change tactics if they are to remain viable, the president of the United Way told the recent annual meeting of Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS).

"It's no more business as usual," Anne Golden told the JF&CS meeting, which marked its 125th anniversary year.

The shrinking economy is changing how charities do business, Golden said. In the United Way's case, the most dollars are raised in the workplace, and in Toronto, 10 percent of all jobs have been lost. In fact, 73 percent of all permanent job losses in Canada have taken place in Toronto, Golden said.

As well, there is a diminishing sense of community and altruism is "no longer in fashion."

Companies contributing to the United Way are increasingly seeking more recognition and the agency has had to respond against its better judgment, she added.

The United Way and other charities are slowly moving toward allowing donors to designate their dollars to specific projects, Golden said.

Charities have become "much more fragmented."

To respond to the shifting trends, the United Way, which helps fund JF&CS and a variety of other Jewish organizations, will adopt a micro-marketing strategy and a community outreach plan to get to know donors and allow donors to know where their money goes.

Garry Foster...
new JF&CS president

"There's donor fatigue out there," Golden said. "People want to understand the difference they make."

The annual meeting paid tribute to all the former presidents of JF&CS. Outgoing president Francie Storm bid goodbye after her two-year term and new president Garry Foster was welcomed.

Storm was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Last year, JF&CS spent nearly $8.9 million on $8.75 million in revenues. The difference was made up from a trust fund, so the agency had a balanced budget in 1992.

In 1992, JF&CS provided counselling services in 3,260 cases involving about 7,000 people. Child abuse allegations were investigated on behalf of 248 children and more than $1 million in financial assistance, to supplement welfare, reached over 2,000 adults and children.

Over 600 group workshops were carried out last year.

Completing their terms on the board of directors were Stephen Bernofsky, Luby Carr, Joanne Cummings, Lorraine Sandler, Steven Skurka, Brian Stendel, Lorne Wolfson and Sylia Wolfson.

Joing the board as new members are Cindy Chisvin, Lloyd Hoffman, Janice Langer, Lillian Messinger, Michael Miller, Joel Reitman, Howard Sandys and Peter Seligman.

All this year, JF&CS will hold several events to celebrate its 125th anniversary. On May 30, the community is invited to a family picnic at Black Creek Pioneer Village. On Nov. 2, the agency is hosting an evening to see the controversial musical, *Show Boat*.

For details, call (416) 638-7800.

Correction

In a recent article about the spring program of the Hi Tech and Consumer Electronics Division of the United Jewish Appeal in the May 13 issue of *The CJN*, Dr. Michael Greenberg's name did not appear.

Greenberg, a speaker at the program, is president and CEO of ISG Technologies Inc., a company that designs, manufactures and markets advanced medical and scientific imaging workstations.

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

A.Y.J.A. (Association of Young Jewish Adults) presents **The Jack DeKeyzer Band** at **Crawdaddy's,** 1500 Steeles Ave. West (at Dufferin), on **Sunday, June 13, 9:00pm.** Band begins at 9:30pm. Cover $10. Proceeds will go to Jewish Immigrant Aid Society. A.Y.J.A. is a non-profit, all volunteer organization for ages 22-35.

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Newsflash: Event: **Inaugural Jewish Bachelor Auction.** When: Tues. June 1/93, 7:30pm. Where: JCC of Toronto, Bloor Y Branch, 750 Spadina Ave. Cover $18.00. Music by Ronnie Wiseman, cash bar, door prizes include one year Y health club membership. Tickets available at all JCC branches. Everyone welcome. For further info please contact Renee Wortzman at 588-4245.
Proceeds to support Anshei Minsk Synagogue.

Singles Dance, Fri., May 28. Inn On The Park. N.E. Eglinton & Leslie, Seton Room. 8-1. Dress code. $10. **Free** parking. 273-9137, 512-1319.

VIEWPOINTS is a group of men and women who meet to discuss male/female interpersonal relationships. Date of meeting: **Wednesday, June 2nd.** 7:30pm. Beth Tzedec, 1700 Bathurst, Mezzanine Hall. Cost: $5.00. Refreshments. Topics:(1)Monogamy (2)Women's Lib-Let's Hear from the Men! Evelyn 781-9245.

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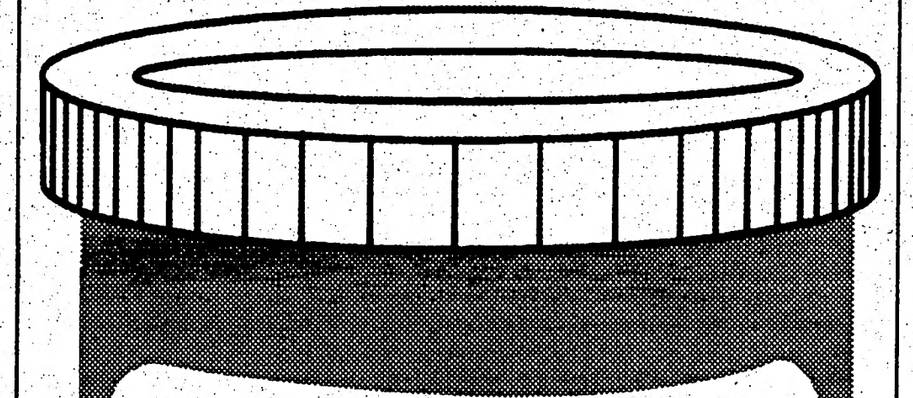

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. However, due to the Shavuot holiday (May 26 and 27), deadline for June 10 issue was advanced to Tuesday, May 25. But the deadline for June 17 issue returns to the regular Thursday, June 3. I am at my desk on deadline days only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Sunday, May 30

JEWISH STORYTELLING

An open storytelling gathering for adults who wish to tell or hear stories of Jewish relevance is being presented by Jewish Storytelling Arts with host **Alec Gelcer** and featured teller **Leslie Robbins** at 7:30 p.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn). For information, call 699-8914.

VENTURI BRASS CONCERT

The Venturi Brass is appearing in concert at 3 p.m., Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave. The quartet, consisting of **Curtis Dietz**, trumpet; **Gina Patterson**, French horn; **Rob Tilley**, trombone; and **Peter Collins**, bass trombone, will play *Le Dinema Muet* by **Pierre Max Bubois**; *Fanfare for Bima* by **Leonard Bernstein**; and *Brass Polka* by **Joseph Horovitz** among their selections. Admission is free. Call 694-7942 for further information.

YEHUDA ELBERG LECTURE

Yiddish writer and lecturer **Yehuda Elberg** will be giving a lecture on Isaac Bashevis Singer's Historic Novels in the Light of Jewish History at 2 p.m., Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Lecture is sponsored by Yiddish Culture Council. Admission is $3.

KABBALAH DOCUMENTARY

A documentary followed by a question-and-answer period, offering insights into Kabbalah, the Holocaust, human suffering, science and Judaism, takes place at 8 p.m. at Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. This will be a stimulating evening on the cutting edge of Jewish Kabbalistic thought. Call 631-9395 for free registration.

GARAGE SALE

Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood is holding a garage sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Funds are for charitable purposes.

ZOHAR STUDY

Zohar Study, an informal study group on Zohar, the classic of Jewish mysticism, meets in the Bloor-Bathurst area at 1 p.m. Group studies the text as a resource for spiritual life. Admission is free. For more information, call 538-4060.

ISRAEL FAIR

The JCC Bloor Y branch and the Downtown Jewish Community School invite children and parents to experience Israel at the Israel Fair taking place 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at 750 Spadina Ave. Enjoy the game booths with Israeli themes, art activities, army drill, tree planting, ulpan, food kiosk and much more. Admission is free. For more information, call 924-6211.

GARAGE SALE AND FLEA MARKET

Beth Torah Sisterhood, 47 Glenbrook Ave., is holding a garage sale and flea market 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors are welcome. Tables are $20 and vendors keep all proceeds. For information, call 782-4495 or 731-1439.

GRAND SOCIETY

Grandparents are invited to attend the GRAND Society (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) meeting to hear **Jim Karygiannis, MP**, speak on his bill for grandparents rights to access. Time is 1 p.m., 16 Spadina Rd. There's a $5 charge for non-members.

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A mixed bag of really great bargains awaits you at the fundraising garage sale run by Simcha chapter, Hadassah-WIZO, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 138 Spring Gate Blvd., Thornhill. Rain date is June 6.

HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

The Heritage of Children of Canada, which deals with grandparents' right to access to grandchildren and children's right to their heritage, is holding a meeting 1-4:30 p.m., Wallace Emerson Community Centre, 1260 Dufferin St. Guest speaker **Tom Jakobek**, city councillor, will speak on Children's Rights, Grandparents Rights (after 2 p.m.). Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 656-5408.

Monday, May 31

JEWISH DROPOUTS

The third annual Dr. Dorothy H. Stone Memorial Lecture at Adath Israel Congregation will be delivered by **Patricia Rucker**, editor of *The Canadian Jewish News*. Her topic will be Jewish Dropouts: Will Our Grandchildren be Jewish? The time is 8 p.m. A question period will follow. Everyone is welcome.

Patricia Rucker

Tuesday, June 1

A TREASURY OF SEPHARDIC SONG

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents the Joseph and Faye Firestone annual concert, A Treasury of Sephardic Song, featuring **Jo Amar** and a special dance performance by the Canadian Children's Dance Theatre, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Tickets are $10, seniors and students $5. They are available at the synagogue, 781-3511.

Wednesday, June 2

SUCCESS IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

The Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce is having a luncheon at noon at the Primrose Club, 273 St. Clair Ave. W. Guest speaker **Dezso Horvath**, dean of the Faculty of Administrative Studies at York University, will speak on Strategies for Success in the Global Economy. His address will describe principles and programs dealing with the challenges of globalization. For further information, phone the CICC at 961-7302.

OUR SEPHARDIC HERITAGE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue continuing education committee presents a closing program, An Evening of Our Sephardic Heritage, with **Cantor Louis Danto, Cantor Armand Mayal** and the Zemer Chorale under the direction of **Charles Heller** at 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. For information, call 633-3838.

NFJA MEETING

At the New Fraternal Jewish Association meeting, **Prof. Desmond Morton**, principal, Erindale College, University of Toronto, will speak on Must Socialists be Spendthrifts? Deficits, Social Contracts and the NDP. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

IS LIFE BETTER OR JUST FASTER

Is life better in the '90s or just faster? Here's an opportunity for both men and women to learn how some women cope with the pull of family, career, community and still find time for themselves. A panel discussion at Holy Blossom Temple at 8 p.m. features **Judith Timson**, columnist for *Chatelaine Magazine*, wife and mother; **Dr. Jean Marmore**, physician, author and single mother; and **Marci Lipman**, entrepreneur and fashion and design success story. Program is co-sponsored by Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood and Department for Jewish Living. Temple members free, non-members $5.

Thursday, June 3

ISRAEL 1993, A GREAT TRIP

The New Leadership Division of State of Israel Bonds' annual delegation to Israel is July 11-22, with an optional pre-trip to Poland, Lithuania, and Moscow July 4-11. This trip is for singles and couples 25-45. A delegation briefing is called for 7:30 p.m. at the Bond office, 3101 Bathurst St., Suite 400. See a video about the trip and meet with past delegates. For more information, call **Marcia Cohen**, at the Bonds office, 789-3351.

WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE

The Social and Political Action Committee of Jewish Women's Federation is sponsoring Women's Health Care — Who Cares?, a forum about taking control of your health. Panelists include **Zelda Abramson**, social worker, consultant/therapist, College St. Women's Centre for Health Education and Counselling; **Dr. Elaine Borins**, psychiatrist, director of the Women's Clinic, Department of Psychiatry, Toronto Hospital; **Catherine Brown**, Women's Health Bureau, Ministry of Health; **Pat Kelly**, Burlington Breast Cancer Support Services. Moderator is **Elinor Caplan**, MPP, former minister of health. Co-chairs of the evening are **Dr. Charlene Linzon** and **Karen Green**. Admission is $5. For further information, call 635-2883, ext. 174.

And What Else Is New...

GLAMOR AND GLORY

Jewel Ladies Club is hosting an evening of Glamor and Glory Tuesday, June 8, at 8 p.m., at Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill. Guest speaker **Miryam Swerdlov,** professor of Jewish history, New York, will speak on Kim Campbell, Hillary Clinton: A Woman's Touch in the World Arena. Program also includes the Community Chesed Award accepted by **Dr. Shoshana Zolty** on behalf of fundraising volunteers of Zareinu, a school for special needs children, plus a fashion show and a Viennese table. Couvert is $15. RSVP by calling 886-0420.

LAG B'OMER

Students of Beth Sholom Mildred Arnoff Memorial Hebrew School celebrate Lag b'Omer with learning, games and races. Students Ashley Pozen and Howard Rosenberg prepare to start their relay race under the watchful eye of pre-bar mitzvah student Michael Zackheim. [Ziona Rubinsztejn photo]

KOLEL SINGLES STUDY PROGRAM

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein will be the speaker at the monthly study program for singles (ages 25-40) offered by Kolel: a Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, Sunday, June 6, 7 p.m. This will be Kolel's last singles program in the current session. The format of this evening of in-depth Judaic study is a presentation followed by small study groups exploring a traditional text from a liberal egalitarian perspective. The topic for this month is A Taste of Talmud. For more information, call 660-3154.

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OR HADASH HEBREW SCHOOL

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Yiddish and Russian Speaking Volunteers. As a special language volunteer visitor, you will be offering companionship to a senior who, because of an inability to communicate in English, has become isolated and lonely. If you speak Yiddish or Russian, have an hour available a week and would like to extend your friendship to a senior, call Arnold Foss at above number.

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All Judaeans in the different camps are invited to spring P'gisha (meeting) at Camp Shalom in Gravenhurst, May 28-30. Be part of this unique program and bring your friends. Buses depart at 1 p.m. from the "Bayit", 788 Marlee Ave. For more information, call 781-5156 and ask for **David Eichler, Yona Shem-Tov, Benji Gordon**.

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., is hosting a summer lecture series on international politics with guest speaker **Morton Manilla**. Series starts off Thursday, June 3, 2 p.m. with The War in Bosnia: The Significance for Europe, and continues June 10 with Iran's Role in World Affairs; Aug. 12, The Foreign Policy of the Clinton Administration; and Aug. 19, Israel's Strategy of Survival. Admission is free but seating is limited. To reserve, call **Marlene White**, 785-1511.

ART AUCTION

Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Rd., is holding an art auction Saturday, June 12, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10. For information, call 449-3880.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following groups: Life Skills (begins end of May); Widows/Widowers (begins May 31); and Parenting — Our Challenge in the '90s. For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

ICJW CONVENTION

Among the 250 delegates, many from newly affiliated countries, attending the International Council of Jewish Women's 16th Triennial Convention held in Johannesburg, South Africa earlier this month, were ICJW president **Helen Marr** of Toronto, and **Bunny Gurvey** of Winnipeg, the Canadian international vice-president. The convention theme was Visions and Values: Looking Towards the 21st Century, focusing on such topics as world anti-Semitism; strategies for pluralistic societies; violence and abuse within the family; Jewish divorce; and parenting strategies.

Helen Marr

Marr was installed as international president for another 3-year term.

JVS VOLUNTEERS

Jewish Vocational Services is seeking volunteers to assist with a seniors program in a sheltered workshop in the Bathurst-Wilson area. This volunteer opportunity is mornings only for a minimum of three hours a week. Friendly, positive people will assist clients during coffee breaks and lunch and generally act in a friendly, supportive role. If you are interested, call Volunteer Centre-North York, 481-6194.

for seniors

Learn how to use your medications wisely. Join an information series led by a public health nurse on the safe use of prescription and non-prescription drugs and remedies. The series, presented by North York Public Health Department and North York Seniors' Centre, runs Mondays, June 7-28, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at North York Seniors' Centre, 21 Hendon Ave., meeting room. All four sessions are free of charge. To register, call **Anita**, 733-4111.

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group invites all 55 plus persons to an evening of memories with Israeli entertainment and refreshments Sunday, May 30, 8 p.m., at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Members $5, non-members $7. For information, call 493-7453.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre Boardroom, 55 Ameer Ave. The next meeting is May 30. For information, call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club begins a series on stretching, relaxing, deep breathing and relieving stress Tuesday, June 8, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Course includes reflexology, yoga, diet and other topics. Trips include Israel, Nov. 14-Dec. 2; Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, July 11-19; cruises to Stoney Lake June 24 and Bobcaygeon Aug. 26; Art Park to see *Oliver* June 9, *Damn Yankees* July 22, and *Anything Goes* Aug. 12. For information on all trips and activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. The Golden Book is a great way to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

The Wagman Centre is holding a concert Sunday, May 30, 1:30-2:30 p.m. A summer outing to the Shaw Festival to see **Blithe Spirit** is set for Wednesday, June 23. Members $42, non-members $45. Call **Chyla Talesnick**, 789-5131, ext. 2274.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets Monday, May 31, 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Aluma celebrates Shavuot, Saturday evening, May 29, with a dance party, a band and a festive mood. Members $6, non-members $8. For information, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events: Sunday dance with live band, June 6, 7:30-10:30 p.m. (members $4, non-members $5); Buffalo shopping trip June 22 ($20 members only); Father's Day dance Sunday, June 27 (members $4, non-members $5); trip to Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills July 18-25 ($875). North York Board of Education programs include bridge, line and ballroom dancing, fitness, art class (starts June 8). For information, call 395-7881.

Young at Heart Seniors is holding a meeting Tuesday, June 1, to go over the schedule for the trip to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills July 30-Aug. 8 or 9, and to discuss further trips. Time is 1:30 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. For information, call 635-6343 and ask for **Doreen** or Helen.

LZA Seniors Club suggests you book early for the week's stay at the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills. Cost is $850. Call the office, 630-9444 or **Libby**, 782-2059. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and Ladies Dance Group Thursdays, 1 p.m. Social activities take place Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Funtime Group, 55 plus, day tours include Buffalo, Thursday, June 15; boat cruise plus the musical *Camelot* at Orilla, Thursday, July 29; Stage West to see *Same Time Next Year* with **Loretta Swit**, Wednesday, Aug. 11. For information, call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) presents journalist **Beverley Stern**, a board member of Canadian Friends of Peace Now, who will speak on Peace Proces: Issues and Scenarios, Tuesday, June 1, 10-11:30 a.m. No charge. For more information, contact **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

LLI's annual open-to-the-community literary luncheon, Monday, June 7, features **David Lewis Stein**, author of *Taking Power*. Time is 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Members $5.50, non-members $7.50. Purchase tickets at information desk before June 1. Call Bookie Kwart for more information.

The LLI Music Appreciation Program offers a five-week course on Italian Opera from Rossini to Puccini, Part 1, with composer/musician **Morton Silverstone**, beginning Wednesday, June 2, 1:30 p.m. Some fees apply. Call Bookie Kwart for information.

The movie, *A Night at the Opera*, will be screened Sunday, May 30, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

A musical afternoon with **Helen Knight** is set for Wednesday, June 2, 1:30 p.m. Members $2.50, non-members $3.50.

As part of North York Seniors' Games, the Centre is hosting the Duplicate Bridge Tournament Friday, June 4, noon to 3 p.m. Register at time of the game. Call **Norma**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For more information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

YESHIVA U GRADUATES

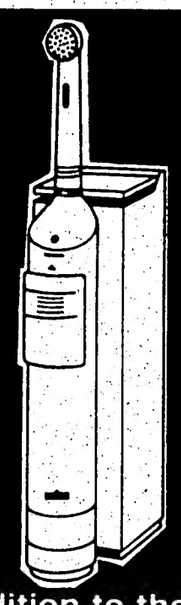
Eight Toronto-area residents received degrees at Yeshiva University's 62nd annual commencement exercises which took place in New York City recently. They are **Azriel Cohen**, BA, Yeshiva College; **Jasmine Conen**, BA, Stern College for Women; **Jeffrey Goldman**, BA, Yeshiva College; **David Ghermezian** B.Sc., Syms School of Business; **Daniel Diamond**, BA, Yeshiva College; **Howard Katz**, BA, Yeshiva College; **Mark Lipner**, B.Sc., Syms School of Business; **Anne Trapunsky**, BA, Stern College.

ORT MONTH

Mayor Mel Lastman (centre) declares May ORT Month. With him are (from left) Helen Friedman, Toronto Women's ORT vice-president (fundraising); Barry Seltzer, Men's ORT; Ruth Druxerman, president, and Kathleen Crook, immediate past president.

AMBULANCE PRESENTED

At a recent ceremony held at Machzikei Hadas Congregation in Ottawa, an ambulance was presented to Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel, to be shipped to Israel to join the fleet of Magen David Adom-Israel's national emergency and blood service. The ambulance was donated in memory of Issie Kardish by his wife Shirley, his children and grandchildren. From left are Paul M. Saxe, past president, CMDA; Shirley Kardish; daughter Debbie Baylin of Israel; and Irwin G. Beutel, national president, Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel.



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Organizations and People

Party-goers enjoy themselves at the Bloor Y's 40th reunion party. [Don Burke photo]

700 Bloor Y alumni reunite to celebrate good old days

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Their old stompin' grounds have changed a bit and they look a little more, let us say, mature, than they did when the Bloor Y was their second home, but about 700 Y alumni got together recently to celebrate old times at a 40th reunion of the Bloor Street Y.

With pictures of the old clubs and teams festooning the gymnasium walls and with '60s music blaring, they gathered to renew acquaintances and reminisce about their salad days when the Bloor Y was the mecca of Jewish life for young people.

They were all there — the still trim and fit jocks who used to represent the Bloor Y at various athletic competitions, and the partiers, for whom the Y meant club meetings, socializing and a clubnite crawl.

When the Bloor Y first opened its doors in May 1953, it represented the state-of-the-art in athletic facility design, recalled Morris "Moishe" Kirsch, 66, the Y's first assistant athletic director.

In those days, before the era of multi-colored spandex outfits and sneakers that you could pump up, the Y offered a full range of calisthenic classes. Getting 100 people to fill the gym was no big deal, Kirsch, said. Sometimes they'd even get 200. The instructors would put the would-be athletes through their paces with knee-raises, squats, jumping squats — "army type of exercises," he said.

Malcolm Chesler first began attending the Y when he was 12 years old. The Y was then located in the basement of a school on Brunswick Avenue. Still looking fit as a fiddle, Chesler said he had "the fondest of memories" for the old building on Bloor. "I was here all the time, it was my second home."

A 56-year-old triathlete, Chesler represented Canada at the Maccabiah Games in Israel in 1957, 1961 and 1965, winning four medals, three in basketball and one in high jump, and he was on the Canadian basketball team at the 1967 Pan American Games.

Murray "Bucky" Glicksman has seen them all come and go, having been a member of the Y for 57 years. He still comes down to the centre two or three times a week, kibbitzing with the other members. But he's more than just a kibbitzer: "I do aquatic exercises," he said.

Metro councillor Norm Gardner recalls the Y fondly. A member back when the Bloor Y opened its doors in 1953, Gardner was on the judo team that won an Eastern Canadian amateur championship. "We had a small club but we knocked off everybody, including the Broadview YMCA," he recalled.

For many, the Y was more than just a place to work out. It was the main place for Toronto's Jewish young people to gather and socialize and many a romance was kindled there. It was at the Y that Honey Mahl, nee Laufer, met her husband Jerry.

"I want you to write in the newspaper that I look as young now as I did then," she said. "Everybody said I haven't aged a bit."

"Yeah, she hasn't changed in 29,000 years," her husband agreed as he sped off to shmooze elsewhere.

"I met Jerry at a Sunday night dance in the Y auditorium," Honey continued. "He asked me to dance and that was it. He couldn't resist me."

Honey recalls going to Y dances every week and participating in club activities as well.

Carol Halpert remembers the dances and the socializing that was part of the Y scene in the early 1960s. The auditorium got so crowded that the dances would spill outside and people would mingle in front of the building facing Spadina, she said.

Afterwards, they'd make their way up to Pumpernick's restaurant at Wilson and Bathurst or to Steffof's, at Eglinton and Glen Cedar, for fries and cherry coke, Myrna Lindzon (Berger) recalled.

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Proceeds from the reunion will go towards purchasing an air circulation system for the auditorium as well as for a partition to permit better use of the facility, said Jeff Perlmutar, chair of the reunion

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Humor and determination credited for Stern's longevity

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Determination, a sense of humor and a gregarious nature have kept Rose Stern going for almost a century.

Born in London, England on May 31, 1893, and raised in Cardiff, Wales, Stern lists some of the ways in which she has been lucky.

"I can walk. I can talk. I can swear — which I don't."

Remarkably, she reads the small print on the reporter's business card without glasses. When asked the secret to her longevity, her answer is typically droll. "Alys, tell the truth," she says dryly to her 93-year-old sister, Alys Segall. "We were wicked, and they didn't want wicked people like us."

"All our friends are young, and that's kept us young," Alys adds, more seriously. "Clean living and no [guilty] conscience. We didn't do any wrong. We kept out of jail. We used to go to shul [Beth Tzedec in Toronto]."

"Nothing like eulogizing yourself, is there?" comments Stern. "We're modest people, really. It's never 'I, I, I.' It's the way you ask that makes us talk," she chides the reporter.

Stern and Segall share an apartment, aided by full-time caregivers. Of four daughters and three sons born to Latvian immigrants Philip and Pia Segall, they are the only living children. "We were a very devoted family," recalls Stern. "All for one and one for all."

Their father, a confectioner, was active in both Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, and the family belonged to Cardiff's Orthodox shul.

"Our mother was very frum," says Alys. Pia Segall made a point of conversing with her children in Yiddish. "I know English you'll always know; Yiddish I'm not so sure," Stern recalls her telling them.

As children in Cardiff, the Segall children attended cheder, at which Stern later taught. Their secular school "had the blessings of a high school," recalls Segall, explaining that they had a different teacher for every subject. "Fools we weren't," says Stern.

Both sisters later became businesswomen, Segall running her own service station in Cardiff and Stern running the confectionery business, Joy Candy, that her husband Joe started six months before his death in a car accident in the early 1940s.

Rose Stern

"I really was fortunate," Stern says of the compatible relationship she had with her husband. "Not everyone is lucky to have a successful marriage."

Rose and Joe Stern met during World War I. He was convalescing from a leg wound sustained while serving with the Canadian forces, and she was volunteering at the Cardiff hospital to which he had been sent.

Following their marriage in 1924, his business took them to Germany, where they lived for several years until a non-Jewish German friend urged them to leave post-haste because "Jews were going to be in great trouble." Toronto has been home since 1936.

Segall immigrated in 1949, and has lived with Stern from the time she arrived. A third sister, who also lived with them, died at the age of 95. Although Segall never married and the Sterns had no children, their home in the High Park area, complete with a three-tiered English garden, was typically filled with people. "It was nothing to go there on a weekend and 20 or 30 people would drop in for afternoon tea," says family friend Enid Berg, whose Cardiff-born husband was "sort of adopted" by the women after he moved to Toronto over 30 years ago.

Although both women have inevitably slowed with age, their hospitality is undiminished. Stern's days of skating ("one of my pleasures during the winter") and her involvement with Pioneer Women are behind her. "I'd feel better if I was 50," she quips, "but I think the good Lord's been very good to me. I'm very grateful."

UJA WALKATHON

Alex Beder was 63-years-old in 1970, the oldest walker in the 22-mile UJA Walkathon, marking Israel's 22nd anniversary. Today at 87, Beder has donated $100 to sponsor both the oldest and youngest walkers at this year's UJA Walk, celebrating Israel's 45th anniversary. Long acknowledged as the largest community-wide event of Toronto Jewry, the money collected in Walk sponsorship will be used to help teenagers and children who have recently come to Israel from Ethiopia, Yugoslavia and the former Soviet Union without their parents.

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash

Family Law Counsel

One of the major assets that many spouses do not know has to be divided on marital breakdown is one's private pension. Teachers and other public servants are particularly vulnerable to having their private pensions divided. According to Toronto's Lorne Cohen, of William M. Mercer Limited, a pension actuary, pensions in this area are valued using different methods. The "termination method" has been accepted as the most direct route. Under a complicated formula, the accrued pension credits of a spouse during the years of marriage are compared to the total amount of credits a plan member accrued, resulting in a calculation of a lump sum amount that a pension is worth for purposes of marital separation. Quite commonly, especially in a marriage of long duration where a pension has been accruing for a very long period of time, the overall future value of the pension is quantified as a lump sum taking inflation into account. In Ontario, this lump sum, once quantified, is calculated as part of a spouse's "Family Property" and then divided, usually on a 50-50 basis. These pensions are often valued at amounts exceeding $50,000.00 – $150,000.00. If spouses share equally in a house worth $300,000.00, its net proceeds of the sale might then be unequally divided between them.

John Syrtash is a Toronto lawyer, whose preferred area of practice is Family Law and neither Mr. Syrtash nor B'nai Brith Canada is liable for any consequences that may arise from any party relying upon the information in this material.

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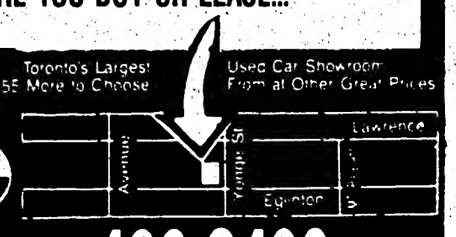

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Organizations and People

Twerski stresses Torah values to confront world's 'insanity'

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Rebbetzin Feige Twerski of Milwaukee, who has devoted her life to Jewish education and outreach, was in Toronto recently for her third annual lecture series.

She addressed 100 women at the home of Iris Halbert, speaking on Charting a Sane Course in an Insane World. Later in the day, she spoke to 50 men and women at the home of Cathy Posluns on Resolving the Big Dilemma: How do you talk to your children about G-d when you yourself may have doubts?

Beverley Burdeyney, chair of the Canadian Friends of Rebbetzin Feige Twerski, told *The CJN* that "Rebbetzin Twerski is a mentor at all levels. She makes you feel proud that you are a Jewish woman."

The 50-year-old mother of 11 children and grandmother of 28, Twerski said in the world we live in, "we are confronted by so much insanity — Bosnia and the other upheavals — and confronted by the savage behavior of human beings both globally and on a personal level.

"We had hoped that in a society where we have advanced technologically that human behavior would have advanced commensurately."

She said that at the new Holocaust Memorial in Washington, someone had crossed out the inscription "Never again" and in its place wrote "Here we go again."

On an individual level, "we see this reflected in the human condition that while we live in a world that is more affluent then ever before, the existential state of loneliness is even greater than ever before." She said everyone is out for themselves and there is no trust between people.

"The only antidote to all this is to go back to Torah values. On the threshold of Shavuot, which commemorates the giving and receiving of the Torah, it is especially appropriate to review some major themes that we can incorporate into our daily lives.

"By investing spiritually into everything physical, material and mundane, we capture every moment of our life for eternity; because by definition, kedusha (spirituality) is eternal and never dies."

Even when doing the most essential tasks, like eating or waking up, we should ask ourselves, " 'Would G-d be comfortable being here at my side now as I perform this activity?' If I can answer positively, then I've taken that which would be a mundane act and bring G-d's presence into it. Because G-d is eternal, I've captured this moment for eternity."

Speaking of Shavuot, "the season of this moment is counting time and more importantly, making time count. The mandate is to take the moments of our life and invest them with more spiritual qualities — learning about our heritage, caring about others and smiling and hugging."

Recognized for her insight on contemporary Jewish issues, Rebbetzin Twerski and her husband, Rabbi Michel Twerski, the spiritual leader of Beth Jehuda Congregation in Milwaukee, are active in the Torah Foundation of Milwaukee.

Funding decision review set

TORONTO — The Ontario Court of Appeal has set Sept. 7-10 for a hearing in the case regarding funding for provincial Jewish day schools.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region Executive Director Manuel Prutschi reported to a CJC Regional Executive meeting that the hearing will review a lower court decision last year. That decision found that denying funding to Jewish schools was discriminatory, but nonetheless justified under Section 1 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

A five-justice panel — including the Chief Justice — will hear the appeal, said Prutschi. Congress, together with five parents, launched the legal case in its ongoing efforts to obtain government funding for Jewish day schools.

Regional Honorary Legal Counsel John I. Laskin and Ed Morgan, a member of the Region's Legal Committee, will represent the CJC at the Court of Appeal hearing, Prutschi announced.

Marsha Slavens, co-chair of the Regional Political Liaison Committee, told the meeting of preparations for the federal election later this year. A training session — particularly aimed at new committee members — was held recently.

CHAT heads to SkyDome

TORONTO — The Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto's third annual evening with the Toronto Blue Jays will be held on June 7 at SkyDome.

The co-educational Jewish day high school has a block of 1,000 seats, over half of which have already been sold. Last year's fundraiser was a sellout, with 800 people attending.

Each $100 ticket includes a pre-game reception by Sam Firestone Catering and the opportunity to win prizes such as a chance to throw out the first pitch, a weekend for two in California to see the Blue Jays, and Skybox tickets to a Jays game.

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Home Decor

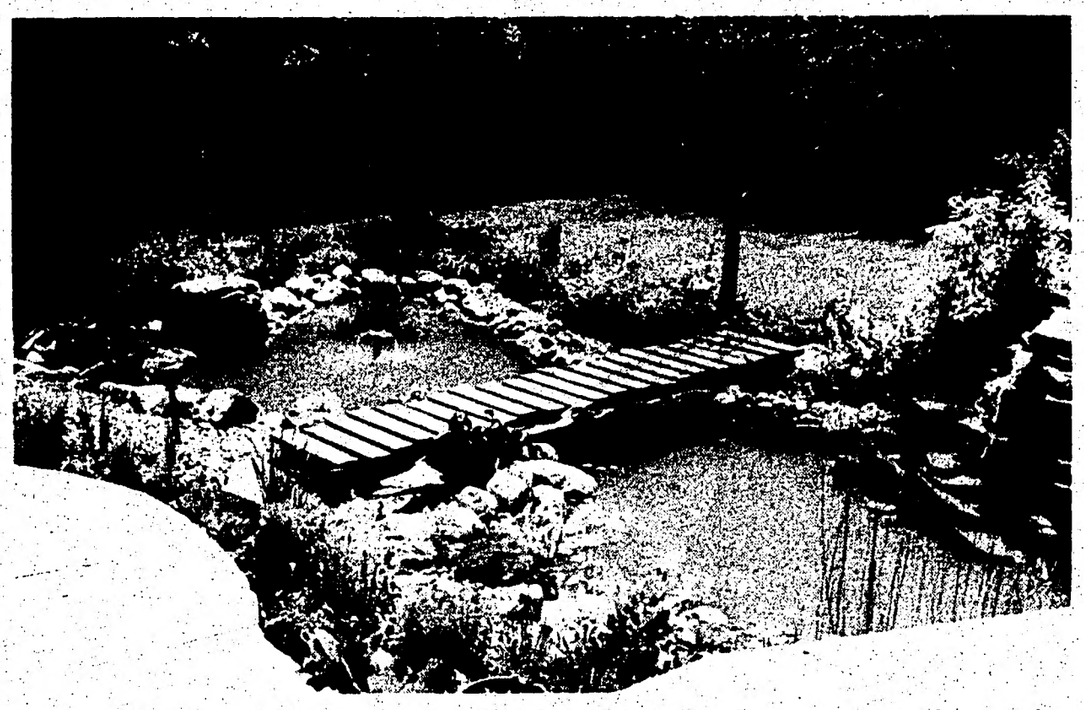
Firm perfects the concept of 'living decor'

By RACHEL ALKALLAY

The lionfish was pouting in the corner. The white-spotted clown trigger with the pursed yellow mouth flitted through the ferns, ignoring his ferocious-looking companion, while the sand-colored nurse shark silently swam near the gravel bottom, minding his own business.

The fish and the aquarium are part of Aquarium Consultants International's concept of living decor. Living decor encompasses the idea of natural plants and flowers, ponds, waterfalls and fish to enhance a home or office. David Nanasi, the youthful owner of the company, promotes the concept as "very peaceful, harmonious."

Nanasi's interest in the aquatic world came about naturally. His parents owned a pet shop, and he had worked there since the age of 11. "Fish are my first love," he declared. He worked his way through university business courses cleaning tanks and aquariums. From there it was a short hop to owning his own business — he opened International Aquarium Consultants Inc. eight years ago.



A Japanese garden created by Aquarium Consultants International enhances a suburban terrain.

Modern technology has made the home aquarium easy to maintain, requiring only minutes of work weekly. Automatic lights and water filters make feeding the fish the only maintenance required. If that is too much trouble, automatic feeders can dispense with that, says Nanasi, as he sprinkled food into the 11-foot aquarium which is the showpiece of the shop.

The black-tailed gold and orange platies eagerly swarmed to the feed, a brilliant shimmer of color, followed by blue and red-striped tetras flitting closely on their tails.

Aquarium Consultants offer a full range of service, from a biologist on staff, to free consultation, to a 24-hour emergency and maintenance service, which takes care of every aspect of aquarium and fish concerns.

Water fountains made popular in the '60s are being replaced with ponds with exotic flora and a fish or two to enhance the living concept. A recent environment which Nanasi created for a telemarketing firm included three full 11-foot aquariums replete with a variety of aquatic animals. A pond led into the reception area, with a small walking bridge creating an effective and pleasant separation between the different office areas.

Among the 300 to 400 projects Nanasi has worked on — he helps with digging out earth, putting in tiles, placing plants in ponds — the Holiday Inn Chinatown stands out as a unique venture. The Japanese pond took three months to install, with slate tile, walking bridges, small waterfalls, underwater greenery and Japanese Koi, variety of goldfish. The effect for the second floor restaurant and bar is of a soothing natural outdoor garden, located indoors.

Outdoor ponds bloom beautifully in summer when filled with lilies, lotus and water sprite. Fish can enjoy the summer sun in the basin, and be packed up into indoor aquariums during winter. Nanasi offers a "fish-sitting" service for clients with outdoor water arrangements.

The company has shipped complete aquarium systems by truck to Newfoundland, and created waterfall effects in Ste-Agathe and Vermont. Aquariums can be custom-made in any size and designed to the client's particular taste. Magicians often require the consultant's services to build tanks for their optical illusions.

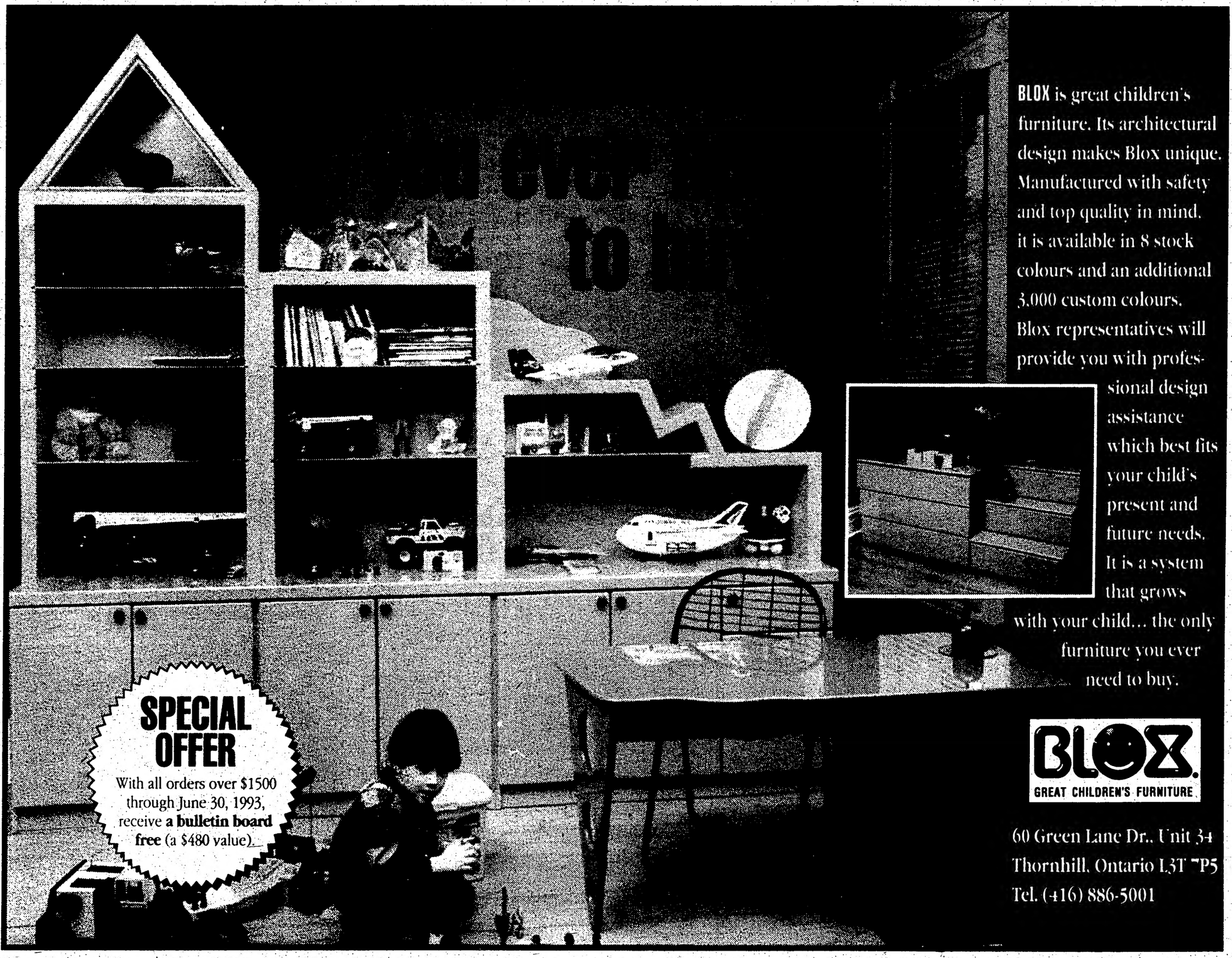
Freshwater and saltwater fish — the latter require more care, but the varieties and shades are brilliant, says Nanasi — are available through his system of contacts.

Red-eared turtles in a pond occupy one corner of the large shop. The friendly reptiles clamber about on the rocks, unaware they are rejects. "Unfortunately, people buy turtles when they are small, and as they grow up and require more care and attention, owners lose interest in them," says Nanasi. "People leave them with me, and once a year, I pack them up, and ship them off with a friend travelling to the American Southwest, where they're released into their natural environment."

Nanasi enjoys informing the public about the advances made in aquarium technology, and he serves on the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council to promote and protect the pet industry.

"It's time to pull out the old fish tank from the garage and make it live again," enthuses Nanasi. And he welcomes calls from people interested in creating living decor in their homes. Giving advice, and improving the industry for both the consumer and the retailer, are his satisfactions.

Nanasi and the experts at Aquarium Consultants International can be reached at (514) 344-FISH.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Trends in appliances

By LORI DENNIS

"This is Toronto's No. 1 Quality Discount Appliance Store," proclaims the big yellow sign out front of Caplan's Appliances.

A bold statement but one which owner Marty Caplan can back up. It has been forty years in the business and still going strong, even in this exceptional trying economy. Marty and his wife Fran run their store with integrity and hard work. The key to their success lies in their rock bottom prices, combined with personal service. As Marty states, "We tend to look after people as we want to be treated ourselves."

In 1953, Marty's father, Herb Caplan had an appliance store on Eglinton Avenue West. Needing more room to accommodate storage, a storefront with storage space in the basement was established on Weston Road. Herb put some merchandise in the window and assigned Marty, then 18, to that location to man the store.

This was the beginning of the Weston Road expansion. Over the years, Marty bought first one neighboring store, then another. Now Caplan's Appliances takes up the whole block. And they need the space! As Fran notes, "to be competitive you have to buy quantity and that's how we survive." Buying in volume is one way Caplan's is able to keep their prices down.

The large backup stock means they can usually deliver a purchase the next day, free of charge within the Metro Toronto area. Unlike some of the large chain furniture and appliance stores that have opened in recent years, when Caplan's quotes a price, it's their best price from the start. There is no dickering, no additional charges are thrown in. "You get what you think you're getting, no surprises when you shop from us," comments Marty. Their salespeople are knowledgeable about the products and do not pressure the customer.

Caplan's carries a wide range of brand name appliances for the kitchen and laundry room. Names with a history of quality, such as KitchenAid, General Electric, Moffat, Frigidaire and Amana. Marty, also known as "Marty the Amana Man," will stand behind his appliances. All goods are guaranteed by the manufacturer, and if anything does go wrong, the manufacturer works with Caplan's until the problem is solved.

Over the years, Caplan's method of doing business and philosophy haven't changed. The appliances, though, have come a long way. Microwaves are super fast and very user-friendly today. Many have built-in recipe panels for foods like potatoes. One touch programming takes the guesswork out of cooking. A lot of stoves also come with cookbooks.

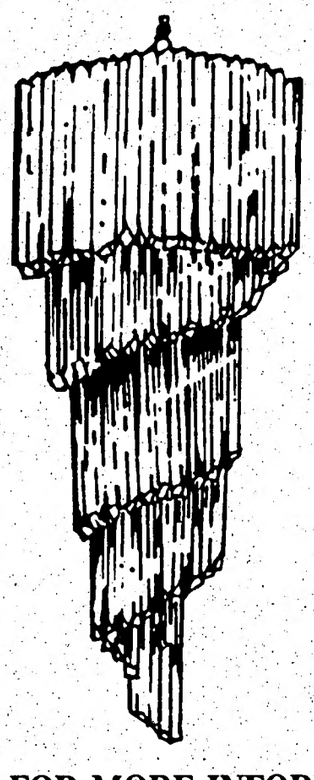
Concern about the environment and our dwindling resources has forced the industry to create more energy efficient appliances. And manufacturers today are thinking about the consumer more, adding features like the lift-up top to stoves, in response to consumer desires.

Women in the workforce have pushed kitchen appliances to the limit as never before. Microwave and convection ovens are essential partners for speedy food preparation. People are requiring larger refrigerators and freezers for storage, as busy schedules leave less time for food shopping.

Many of Caplan's customers are repeat customers as are their children. "A lot of people know us from word of mouth, people tell their friends to come here," adds Fran. Many customers are first time buyers, possibly paralleling the swing in the housing market. She explains that consumers today are very versed in what they're looking for. They read consumer guides, magazines, compare prices in the States. It keeps Caplan's on their toes.

Since Caplan's specializes in appliances only, they often get requests, for kosher kitchens, built-in ovens, or to set up homes designed for a lot of entertaining, requiring a lot of stove and fridge capacity. "We try to keep it simple and that's our success," notes Marty, "when you deal with the bigger stores you do not get the same personal service you get with Caplan's."

Caplan Appliances, in business for over 40 years, is still going strong.



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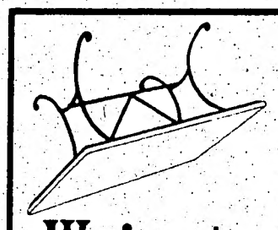

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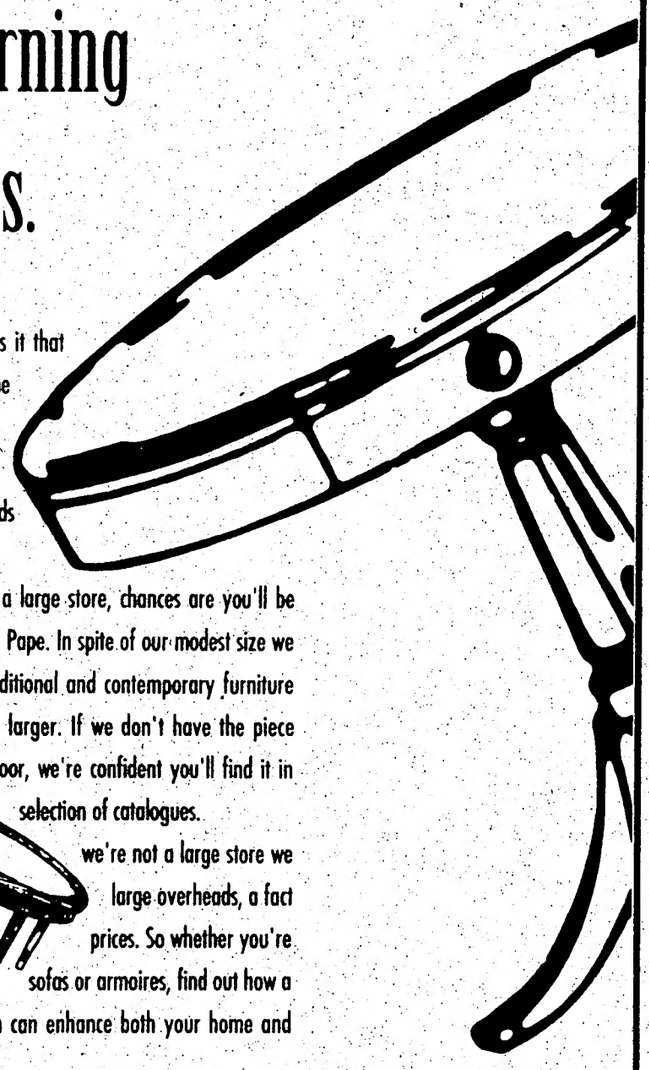

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Detecting home pollution

By A. P. ALEXANDER

Every time something is burned — from oil or gas in your furnace to a steak on the grill — combustion products are given off. Carbon monoxide is one of them and it's one of the most immediately dangerous indoor pollutants. Every year hundreds of Canadians die or are seriously and permanently injured because of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The hemoglobin in our blood will absorb carbon monoxide much more readily then oxygen, so relatively small amounts in the air can translate into deadly amounts in the bloodstream. Exposure to dangerous levels may cause long term brain and neurological damage. Children and pets are especially at risk as carbon monoxide is heaviest than air and it tends to sink down to the floor.

Early symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are much like flu symptoms and include sleepiness, headache, dizziness, blurred vision and loss of judgement. Only a blood test can tell the true story. Serious exposure may cause convulsions, unconsciousness and death.

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Detection

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Control

- Keep appliances properly adjusted. Have your furnace and water heater inspected before each heating season.
- Be certain your chimney is in good shape.
- Never use a gas stove as a heating source.
- Always keep the damper open when using a fireplace.
- Have a house tested for the leakage of carbon monoxide (home buyers).
- Use a carbon monoxide detector at least during the heating season (homeowners).
- Never run your car in the attached garage (a few minutes is enough to cause serious damage).

The author is an indoor pollution testing and abatement consultant. For a free copy of a brochure HOW TO BUY AND MAINTAIN A POLLUTION FREE HOME, please call (416) 626-0582.

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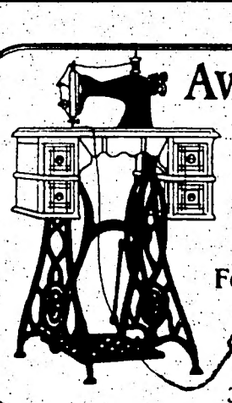

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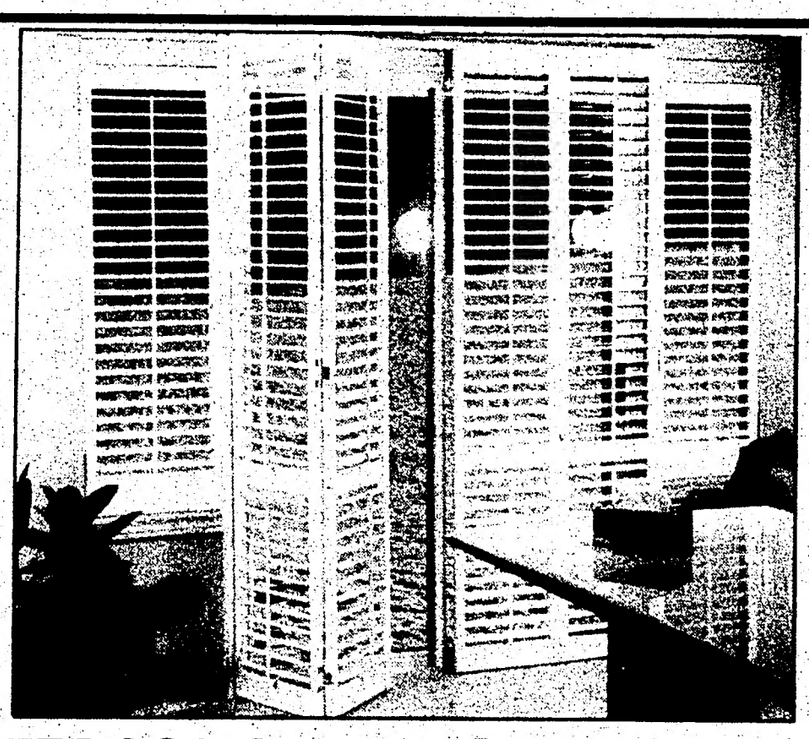

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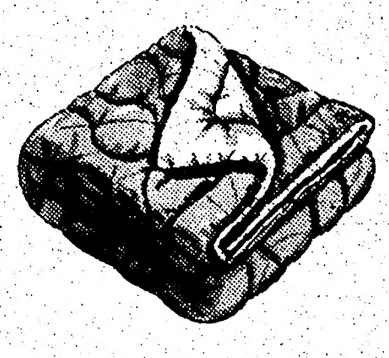

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By BERNARD BASKIN

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There has been a renewed search for God in the Jewish community in recent years. Men and women, disenchanted with the hollow promises and failures of modernity, are seeking meaning and understanding outside themselves, a source of values, a generator of hope and inspiration.

This is a recent trend. Generally, North American Jews have avoided the subject of God by convincing themselves that theology is not a Jewish concern but a Christian preoccupation. Actually, many Jews find God-talk embarrassing. Less concerned with the rewards of heaven, Jews tend to emphasize the improvement of society, the lot of human beings here on earth.

Now, confronted with the collapse of cherished secular institutions, many Jews seek an approach to God that can add a dimension of spirit and reassurance to their lives.

But what kind of God can we believe in? *Finding God* skilfully presents 10 distinct theological viewpoints about God, derived from the Bible and Rabbinic literature and from such philosophers as Philo, Maimonides, Isaac Luria, Baruch Spinoza, Mordecai Kaplan, Martin Buber, Milton Steinberg and Eric Fromm.

Many Jews seek approach to God

Each of these thinkers grappled with crucial questions like What is God? How can we know God? How does God relate to me? Why is there evil in the world?

Maimonides, a rationalist, subjected every assertion to the tests of logic. He argued that the attributes we assign to God are only metaphors, understood by our limited minds and expressed in human terms. We cannot say what God is, only what God is not.

In the 17th century, Spinoza, a thoroughgoing pantheist, believed that God and the universe consisted of one and the same substance. He said free will is an illusion since everything flows by necessity from the perfect order of the universe. Such a God concept is far removed from the needs of the average person.

One of the seminal thinkers of our age was Buber. He argued that we will never become genuine human beings unless we can enter into an "I-Thou" relationship with others. This unselfish concern is a simile of our relationship with God, the "Eternal Thou." Thus, God is an ideal extension of positive human rapport with others.

Unable to reconcile the agonizing dilemma of a good God of unlimited power with pervasive evil in the world, Steinberg concluded that God is all good, but not all-powerful. This explains the existence of evil. Human beings must become partners with God in overcoming the evil within and around them.

Humanist and social philosopher Fromm distinguished between authoritarian and humanistic religions. It was necessary, he taught, to forsake the former for the latter approach to God which is synonymous with the highest human values. There is no meaning to life except the meaning we give to the unfolding of our powers. This approach is, of course, far removed from the traditional Jewish idea of God.

What follows from these various approaches is that numerous God concepts are valid within Judaism, that classical theism is not the sole acceptable theological position and that no single interpretation can qualify as "the" Jewish God concept.

The two rabbi authors write simply and clearly and present brief excerpts from the writings of each thinker. This concise primer of God options should appeal to all who are in search of a personal and satisfying approach to ultimate meaning in the universe.

Warszawa recalls historic event

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising has been officially commemorated, yet it lingers in the mind. *Warszawa,* which opens at the Cineplex Odeon chain on May 28, conjures up visions of that historic event.

Directed by Janusz Kijowski and produced by Artur Brauner, it addresses such universal themes as courage, survival, betrayal and deception.

The protagonists are Alek (Lambert Wilson), Fryda (Julie Delpy) and Stefania (Hanna Schygulla), an explosive threesome.

Warszawa opens as German troops brutally round up Jews, mockingly throw pillow feathers from a window and callously toss a hapless religious Jew from a balcony on to the street below.

The action then cuts to Alek and Fryda, an attractive young Jewish couple. They are fleeing the ghetto in possession of several negatives highlighting the atrocities the Nazis have committed against Jews.

Making their way through a dank sewer, they end up on the Aryan side of the city. Fryda waits in a church, while Alek seeks a place of refuge from a Christian contact.

The contact turns out to be Stefania, a Polish woman who lives in a building occupied by German officers. Stefania is a German language teacher. The war has separated her from her husband.

Filthy clothes

Initially, Stefania is repelled by the stench emanating from Alek's filthy clothes. But her antipathy doesn't last long. Eventually, the pair become romantically involved. Fryda enters the picture when Alek asks Stefania whether she can also shelter his "little sister."

Fryda is intensely jealous of their relationship. She slashes her wrists. She sabotages Alek's efforts to develop the negatives. She tries to inform on him.

Warszawa unfolds in the dim confines of Stefania's apartment. Only occasionally are we made aware of the outside world. The distant burst of gunfire and the burning of nearby buildings indicate that the ghetto rebellion has begun.

The film is remorselessly intense, to the extent that it imparts a deep sense of depression and hopelessness. It is anything but entertaining in the conventional meaning of the word. But, of course, it is not meant to be.

Schygulla, in her role as the mysterious seductress Stephania, is excellent. Lambert's performance is merely passable. The problem is with Delpy, who is too girlish and pretty for Fryda. She detracts from the spirit of *Warszawa,* which is otherwise a well-meaning attempt to explore the human condition under great duress.

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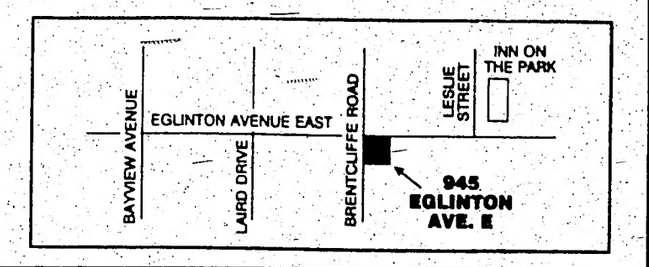

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Arts

Eye on Arts

Ellen Mandel-Derrick, a member of the Beth Tikvah Artists Group, will be showing at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue May 25 to June 26.

Mandel-Derrick is an elected member of the Society of Canadian artists. Her unique style is infused with a strong feeling of the subject rather than a photographic image. She has been involved in numerous group and private exhibitions and has shown at the O'Keefe Centre, The McMichael Canadian Collection Artists in the Park program, St. Lawrence Centre and Koffler Gallery. She has works in Montreal, Toronto and Israel.

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The Leah Posluns Theatre School Young Company Production *Runaway Lane* makes its debut in the Leah Posluns Studio Theatre on May 29.

This play focuses on a teenager whose self-esteem is bound to her feelings of physical inadequacy. Her compulsion to be adored for her exterior and to overcome a destructive vision of herself ultimately leads to her own self-discovery.

The play will run from May 29 to June 5.

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Due to popular demand, the musical comedy *Forever Plaid*, written and directed by Stuart Ross, has added a third Saturday performance and released a new block of tickets for sale for the period ending July 3.

Tickets are available by calling Ticketmaster at 872-1111 or at the New Yorker Theatre box office at 651 Yonge St.

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An open gathering of people who wish to tell or listen to stories of Jewish relevance will take place on May 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Habonim, 5 Glen Park Rd. Featured storyteller will be Leslie Robbins.

For information call 699-8914.

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Naomi Emmerson is currently starring in *Piaf: Love Conquers All* at the Limelight Supper Club, 2026 Yonge St.

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Rabbi Jacob Immanuel Schochet, spiritual leader of the Kielcer Congregation, and Dr. Shel Krakofsky have been named winners of the 1993 book awards by the Toronto Jewish Book committee.

Rabbi Schochet has been awarded the Penina Rubinoff Prize for Biblical and Rabbinic Scholarship for his *Mashiach The Principle of Mashiach and the Messianic in Jewish Law and Tradition*.

The 1993 award for Creative Writing went to Dr. Krakofsky's volume of poetry *The Reversible Coat*.

The awards will be presented to the winners on June 23 at 8 p.m. in the Leah Posluns Theatre. Admission is free.

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Makhelat Reena Youth Choir will be the only Jewish youth choir to be featured in this year's Joy of Singing festivities. The 1993 International Choral Festival brings to Toronto thousands of singers from Canada, the United States, Europe, Asia and South America.

Makehlat Reena has performed with a number of well-known Jewish choirs over the years and for the past three has participated in the annual Zimriah.

The program will include original works by well-known Canadian composers such as Srul Irving Glick and Ben Steinberg, and traditional liturgy in klezmer style, as well as Yiddish tunes. Cantor Ephraim Sapir will be the tenor soloist.

The concert will be held at 6 p.m. on June 17 at Beth Sholom Synagogue. Tickets will be available at the door.

The Elmer Iseler Singers will also take part in the festival premiering *In Memoriam to Leonard Bernstein* by Srul Irving Glick on June 11 at 8 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church.

On June 22 at 6 p.m. the Holy Blossom Temple Singers under the leadership of Cantor Benjamin Maissner will perform. The choir's program links the cultures of Jews in Canada, Russia and Israel. It will perform at Bloor Street United Church.

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Beit Halochem Canada will sponsor *Journey to a Dream*, a musical tribute to disabled Israeli war veterans, on June 14. The evening will raise funds for a new rehabilitation centre in Jerusalem.

The program will feature contemporary Israeli and Jewish music performed by three of Toronto's premier cantors, Eliezer Kirshblum, Paul Kowarsky and Benjamin Maissner, and one of Israel's outstanding showmen, Ron Eliran.

The Toronto cantors have combined on numerous occasions to thrill audiences with a rich assortment of popular Jewish melodies. Eliran, known as "Israel's Ambassador of Song," has entertained audiences in Israel, Europe and North America.

Construction of a new Beit Halochem Centre is underway in Jerusalem. Set in the Judean Hills, the centre will serve 4,500 disabled war veterans living in and around Jerusalem. Beit Halochem Canada is committed to raising $2 million for the Jerusalem structure.

Journey to a Dream will take place June 14 at 8 p.m. at the Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southborne Ave.

General admission tickets are available at Aleph Bet Judaica, 3452 Bathurst St.; Matana Judaica, 404 Steeles Ave. West; Israel's, 897 Eglinton Avenue West; and Negev Book and Gift Store, 3509 Bathurst St. For tickets and further information call Beit Halochem Canada 488-7649.

Yiddish film festival set for Toronto

TORONTO — *Yiddish Film Between Two Worlds*, the first major retrospective of Yiddish cinema to be shown in Canada, will be presented at the Art Gallery of Ontario from May 31 to July 1, 1993.

More than 30 films produced between 1920 and 1940 in Poland, Austria, the former Soviet Union, the United States and other countries will be screened in AGO's Jackman Hall.

The films, which range from comedy to tragedy, documentary to melodrama, reflect the concerns and values of Yiddish culture and preserve the unique flavor and nuances of the Yiddish mame-loshen (mother tongue). Many of the films are Toronto premieres, while others have not been seen for decades. All films have English subtitles or intertitles, unless otherwise noted.

"This retrospective of Yiddish cinema is the first opportunity Canadians have had to journey through a rich and diverse cultural world, much of which was lost with the coming of World War II," said Catherine Jonasson, curator of film at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

The festival is complemented by a range of other programs relating to the Yiddish language at the AGO and other locations in Toronto and North York. These include video screenings, music, art and photography exhibitions, and lively discussions of the films. The Winnipeg-based klezmer group Finjan will perform at the Leah Posluns Theatre on June 30 and the AGO's Walker Court on Canada Day, July 1. In the Film and Video Gallery, *Urban Peasants*, an experimental film by Ken Jacobs, will be screened continuously throughout June.

Ruehl shines in Lost in Yonkers

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Neil Simon's prize-winning play, *Lost in Yonkers*, has been ably transmitted to the screen by Martha Coolidge.

Coolidge, whose previous film was the acclaimed *Rambling Rose*, has a knack for juggling conflicting emotions. And in *Lost in Yonkers*, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, they run the gamut from light-hearted humor to intense pathos.

The cast she has asembled is first-rate.

Mercedes Ruehl, reprising her stage role as Aunt Bella, is brilliant. One minute, she is child-like. A moment later, she is the apotheosis of high-minded seriousness.

Irene Worth is exemplary as Grandma Kurnitz, the misanthropic German-Jewish matriarch who insists on calling her grandson Jay, Yakov.

Richard Dreyfuss, as Uncle Louie, is his usual frantic self — which is to say that he's in control and effective.

Grandson number one, Brad Stoll, is fine. But grandson number two, Mike Damus, is sensational.

David Strathairn, who portrays Bella's mentally limited flame, Johnny, meshes exceedingly well with Ruehl.

Ruehl, really, defines the contours of *Lost in Yonkers*. So strong and affecting is her performance that she runs away with this picture.

If justice is served, she will doubtless be one of the nominees for best actress of the year.

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Artists from Dachau confront city's past

STOWE — The premier U.S. exhibition of "Gruppe D; In Uns Dachau/Dachau in Us: Contemporary Art from Dachau, Germany" opened at the Helen Day Art Center in Stowe on May 15. Various statewide events tied into the exhibit's themes of tolerance, art as communication, and the Holocaust have been spawned by the power of Gruppe D's art and message.

Two years in the making, the project represents the collaborative efforts of the 13 German artists of Gruppe D, the Helen Day Art Center and numerous Vermont arts, education, social, and religious organizations.

The Vermont Council on the Humanities has provided major funding for the educational programs. Additional support has come from the Cummings Family of Montreal and Topnotch Resort and Spa in Stowe, Simon and David Gameroff, Lillian and Billy Mauer, Brenda Lancaster, and the Vermont Holocaust Human Rights Education Committee. The Vermont Council on the Arts and numerous other individuals have also helped to underwrite the project.

The exhibit features paintings, drawings, prints, and sculpture by members of Gruppe D, an artists' collective based in Dachau, Germany, site of a World War II concentration camp. The group came together in 1987 to promote awareness and understanding of the Holocaust, using art to face the burden of Dachau's notorious past and create a peaceful future. Gruppe D extends this message by organizing exchanges and joint exhibits with other artists around the world. They have been to five countries to date and will travel to Russia in 1993. Last summer several of the Gruppe D artists were in residence at the Vermont Studio Center in Johnson, and in exchange they have arranged for works by Plainfield visual artist G. Roy Levin to be exhibited at the Dachau concentration camp memorial.

In May five members of Gruppe D as well as representatives from the German press and the city of Dachau will travel to Vermont for the premier of "Dachau in Us."

Rather than gradually depicting the horrors associated with Dachau, the artists create abstract works to focus on broader issues of tolerance and justice. The images influenced and inspired by the artists' links to Dachau confront not only the horrors of the Holocaust but also our potential for overcoming prejudice by questioning our own moral responsibility and engaging in dialogue with others.

To encourage exploration into the exhibit themes, Helen Day asked students from eight central Vermont high schools to engage in a cross-district conversation on the question "How are you a perpetrator and a victim of intolerance?"

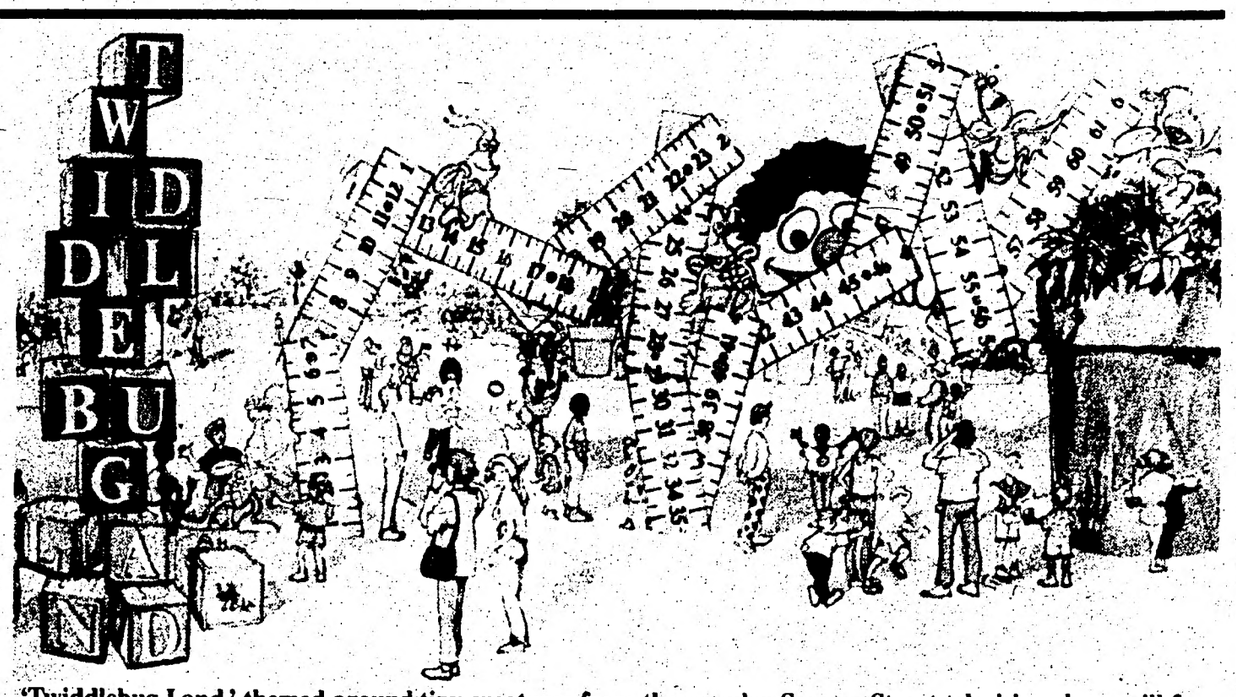
Numerous other educational and art institutions such as the Vermont Reading Project are utilizing the exhibit as a jumping-off point for their constituencies. They will sponsor an Adult Basic Education book discussion series on courage as a prerequisite to tolerance. Central Vermont Adult Basic Education students and their instructors will be offered guided tours of "Dachau in Us" to supplement their ongoing studies. They — and all visitors — will be invited to interpret their own reactions to the exhibit by contributing to the Wall of Tolerance, an audience-created piece of art and writing that will go to Dachau for exhibition late this year.

"Setting the Stage: Dachau Now and Then," a slide presentation on June 8, 7 p.m., will trace the tumultuous history of that city from its time as a landscape artists' colony to its darker period as the site of the first Nazi concentration camp. Hannes Otter, former director of the International Youth Encounter Exchange Center in Dachau, and Victor Loefflath-Ehly, on the religion and humanities faculty at Vermont College, will also discuss the town's attempts to come to grips with its past as it tries to create a future.

"Can Images Change the World? The Impact of Art on Society" is scheduled for June 23 at Helen Day. Artists Mollie Davies, Peter Gallo, Ed Koren, and G. Roy Levin will consider the topic of art as an expression of the artists' moral outlook as well as personal experience, and the extent to which this element can lead viewers to examine their own roles in society.

Throughout the summer, other community groups and businesses will address the issues brought up in the Gruppe D exhibit. *All Jew Out* starring Inge Auerbacher will be screened at the Savoy Theater in Montpelier on June 6 at 4 p.m. and from May 24 through June 6, window and store displays will feature works on the Holocaust, art and society, and tolerance. Montpelier's Lost Nation Theater will stage South African playwright Athol Fugard's *Road to Mecca* on July 22-25.

For more information on any of the "Gruppe D; In uns Dachau/Dachau in Us" events, please call Jean Sousa, Director of Art and Education Programs, at the Helen Day Art Center (802) 253-8358.



'Twiddlebug Land,' themed around tiny creatures from the popular Sesame Street television show, will feature an interactive wave pool, a hand powered 'railroad,' a nature maze and many larger-than-life elements, including a five-metre-high color billboard cutout of favorite character Ernie.

Playland appeals to all kids

LANGHORNE, Pa. — Twiddlebug Land, a larger-than-life playland featuring an interactive wave pool and many unique elements, has opened at Sesame Place, the family-oriented play park near Philadelphia.

The major expansion is themed around the "Twiddlebugs," tiny creatures who live in the flower box outside Bert and Ernie's window on the popular *Sesame Street* television show. Twiddlebugs collect lost and discarded objects, such as buttons and utensils, and put them to good use in their own miniature land.

"Twiddlebug Land will take our guests into another world," said Bob Caruso, general manager of Sesame Place. "Adults and children together will enjoy using their minds and imaginations to learn about size proportions. Once inside, a one metre, 22 centimetres child will be the same size as an adult Twiddlebug."

Twiddlebug Land will re-create Ernie's window box on a grand scale. The most eye-catching element of the new attraction will be a near five-metre-high color billboard cutout of Ernie's head, towering over Twiddlebug Land as if he were peering into his window box.

Guests will enter the area through an archway depicting a hinged ruler bent in many different directions. A five and a half metre-high stack of alphabet blocks spelling out Twiddlebug Land will also greet visitors at the entrance.

Once inside, youngsters ages 8 and under will enjoy floating on the surf of the 929-square-metre wave pool, which will feature a two-metre water nozzle of a huge spiraling, spouting "garden hose." Two calm-water activity ponds with interactive play elements will entice the smallest guests.

Expansion includes 'energy-saving' railroad

The new expansion will also include an unusual "energy-saving" railroad where youngsters use their own arms to propel themselves down the track. Another attraction, a winding "vegetable garden" maze, will include a watering can more than four metres tall, that sprinkles down into a small pool.

At the centre of Twiddlebug Land, a sandy play area will feature a near five-metre-long "sand bucket" for climbing. Youngsters can also learn to tell time by moving the hands of an oversized wrist watch, the hand of which doubles as a slide. Another slide, in the shape of a giant spoon, will be reached by climbing up a cargo net-covered bag filled with colorful foam balls resembling large marbles.

Adjacent to the sand area, a stage in the shape of a record player turntable will host daily performance by the park's Sesame Brass Band. Trees in Twiddlebug Land will be shaped to resemble window box plants with three-metre-high flower pots surrounding them.

Sesame Place, one of the Anheuser-Busch Theme Parks, was developed in conjunction with Children's Television Workshop (CTW), a leading communications corporation and creator of *Sesame Street*.

Sesame Place is located off I-95 at the Route 1/Morrisville exit to Oxford Valley exit and is a 30-minute drive north of Philadelphia, 15 minutes southwest of Trenton, N.J., and an hour and one half from New York City.

New Shark Encounter exhibit surfaces at Ohio's Sea World

AURORA, Ohio — Perhaps the most misunderstood creatures in the sea, sharks evoke feelings of fear and fascination. These swift aquatic predators will break the surface in Sea World of Ohio's new Shark Encounter when the park opens for its 24th summer season on May 22. One of the most significant capital projects in the park's history, it will be the Midwest's largest shark attraction.

Shark Encounter holds more than 1.55 million litres of saltwater and features a 12-metre-wide pool stretching to a length of 30 metres and maximum depth of 5 metres.

The unusual shape of the pool, often described as "dumbbell," differs from the conventional oval of aquarium design to provide the sharks with opportunities to glide diagonally. "This atypical design enables the sharks, some measuring 2.5 metre long, to glide — an important aspect in shark health and development," says Pete Mohan, curator of fishes for Sea World of Ohio.

Curved acrylic panels, more than 12 cm. thick, separate guests from the deep-water denizens. Thick panels are needed to hold back more than 7 kilos of water pressure per square centimetre exerted within the display.

The uniquely shaped viewing area immerses shark observers 2 metres into the exhibit and almost as deep below the surface of the water. A moving walkway transports guests past the main display area, providing them with an up-close look at these menacing creatures.

Upon entering Shark Encounter, a short educational video introduces guest to the various types of sharks and dispels the myths surrounding these ocean predators.

"Sharks are generally regarded with a mix of fear and fascination," adds Mohan. "In fact, most of the world's 350 species of sharks are harmless. Man, through pollution, habitat destruction and over fishing, has caused more problems for sharks than vice versa."

The Shark Encounter's underwater zones provide sharks such as bull, sand-tiger, lemon, nurse and brown, with open spaces for swimming.

Special lighting intensifies this underwater experience.

The park's 24th season will run from May 22 to Sept. 12, open daily 10 a.m.; closing hours vary.

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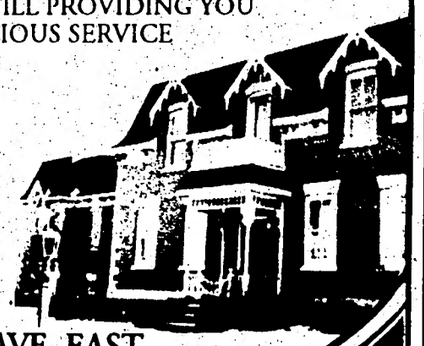

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Business & Finance

Parents urged to save money to fund children's education

TORONTO — Post secondary education is a considerable expense for many families in Ontario. To help fund their children's education, parents might consider setting aside money on a regular basis while their children are young.

"If you are considering options, be sure to pick up a financial planning book that sets out various ways to save for your child's post secondary education," suggests Mary-Anne Mackett, a lawyer with the Enforcement branch at the Ontario Securities Commission.

One way to save for your child's education is through a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP). You can contribute up to $1,500 per child per year for up to 21 years in either a self-directed or pooled registered education savings plan.

Contributions are not tax-deductible but the plans may offer some tax breaks. First, interest is not taxed until funds are withdrawn. Second, when funds are withdrawn, the earnings are taxable as income of the student — not the contributor. This may make the interest income tax-free, as students usually fall into low tax brackets.

"It sounds simple at first. You deposit money that grows tax sheltered and your child collects the money plus interest when he or she goes to university," says Mackett. "However, there are a number of things you should know before you make a decision about an RESP."

Pooled RESPs, the most common type, operate on a winner takes all premise, explains Mackett. If your child goes to university, he or she in second year of studies will be eligible to receive a share of all of the interest earned by the pooled money. If your child does not continue his or her education, you forfeit the earnings.

The children who continue their studies share the entire interest pool among themselves. Whether your child goes on to university or not, the original deposits are returned, minus administrative fees and a $200 per unit enrolment fee. The enrolment fee can add up as subscribers often purchase several units per child.

"The biggest risk of a RESP is not knowing what your child will do in 18 years. Will your child attend university or college? If you don't know, it's a gamble. There are other ways to save money for your child's future without risking interest earned over a decade."

Provincial securities commissions regulate pooled plans and register those who sell them. Plan administrators are required to file a prospectus that outlines the terms, conditions and cost of the plan.

"You should get a prospectus, read it and understand it before you do any signing," urges Mackett. "If there is any pressure to the sale, keep in mind that it will be 15 or more years before you need the money."

RESPs are often marketed as non-profit foundations. The plans may be non-profit but they are tied closely to profit-making administrators and distributors. Read the prospectus and ask the salesperson about costs.

Be on the alert for salespeople who claim RESPs are covered by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, cautions Mackett. RESPs do not qualify for deposit insurance.

Consider plan's flexibility

Ask the RESP salesperson how much money you would receive if you had to cash in your RESP. You can cash in the plan at any time, but the penalties for backing out early are considerable. You would only get back the money you have contributed, less any administrative charges and fees already deducted. Again, you would not receive any interest earned to date.

Ask whether the fund issues periodic monthly statements to keep you up-to-date on deposits, deductions and interest earned. If it does, ask for a sample.

For the first year, every child will receive the principal minus the enrolment fees and administrative charges. This amount will differ depending on how you pay for the plan, either by lump sum or monthly deposits. Your salesperson should be able to give you this information.

You will want to know how much your child will receive in his or her second, third and possibly fourth year of studies. If your salesperson gives you projections, ask what future interest rates these projections are based on.

Take a look at the eligibility requirements and consider their flexibility. What if your child wants to take a year off before going to university or college? Does the plan cover a variety of programs and institutions?

A broad and flexible plan may be an advantage or a disadvantage. Your child's chances of sharing in the pool would be increased by a flexible plan but so are everyone else's. Part of the scholarship will be the interest that was forfeited from the dropouts.

You need to know if the projections you are offered are "industry averages" or actual experiences with this plan that you are considering. Some plans are new and have no track record. If the interest pool is divided among more children because more children qualify, everyone gets less.

Remember, there is a cooling-off period. "If you decide within 60 days of signing that you want out, you can withdraw and get all of your money back. However, if you cancel after 60 days, you will only get back the principal minus the enrolment fee deducted to date," says Mackett.

"There is a bit of a lottery aspect to RESPs," says Mackett. "If you do invest, be sure you've read the prospectus and considered all the alternatives."

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Starting your own business

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — Gary Soren of Gelato Fresco said ten years ago his partner Hart Melvin, then an aspiring ice cream maker, spent a frustrating summer in Italy tasting traditional low-fat Italian ice cream. Nothing he tried was good enough and he almost gave up.

At the end of the trip Melvin found himself sampling ice cream in a gelateria in Milan, in the company of his 2-year-old son. When Melvin's son asked for more, for the first time that summer, Melvin knew he had stumbled onto the product he wanted to manufacture, said Soren at the Primrose Club recently.

Soren, along with Miles Nadel of MDC Corporation and Neil Zworth of Neil's Soup Kitchen, spoke to the Young Business Network (YBN) of the United Jewish Appeal about starting their own businesses and gave tips on how to get a new venture off the ground. The event was part of the YBN's outreach and education program, through which they are developing future leaders.

Soren said he and his partner went into business without a business plan or experience in the food industry. His partner learned to make ice cream in one week from the owner of the gelateria in Milan.

When they started out in 1985, Soren said, they made their ice creams for restaurants only. The company began its operations out of a building on Dufferin Street that houses the Soren family aluminium pot and pan business. They are still located there today.

By 1986 their fruit and ice creams, under the Gelato Fresco label, were carried by gourmet stores and Ziggy's. Although the company chooses not to advertise, many consumers learned about their ice creams through the media. "We create products that food writers will write up," he says. Currently they make about 650,000 litres of Gelato Fresco a year.

Gelato Fresco may not advertise at all, but advertising is the name of the game for MDC Corporation. A communications and marketing giant, MDC clients include the Campbell Soup Co., Swiss Chalet, Labatt Breweries, Proctor and Gamble and Honda Canada.

Nadel, 35, started MDC in 1980 while he was attending university with $500 he got from his VISA card. In the early years of MDC his biggest source of capital was ten VISA cards. He reports current revenues of $50 million a year.

Nadel, who has always worked for himself, attributes his success to his lack of fear of rejection, his persistence and his commitment. "The only limitations to success are those that are self-imposed," he said.

His advice for those who want seed capital to start a business is to look to friends and relatives. "Banks are not equity partners," he says. "They're not going to be your venture capital."

Acknowledging the difficulties in finding venture capital, he says it is easier to raise $100 million for the right company than $100,000 for a new business.

In spite of the recession, Nadel said that any time is a good time to start a business as the rules have changed. He added that good ideas are a dime a dozen, but what really counts is execution.

Zworth, 33, left a marketing job at General Mills to launch a line of fresh, vegetarian soups. He makes 13 different varieties, sold under the label Neil's Soup Kitchen, in his own kitchen.

Early in 1992 he opened a soup kiosk at St. Lawrence Market and distributed his glass jars filled with soup to stores throughout Toronto. Zworth is looking at establishing more soup kiosks in Toronto and distributing containers of his soup throughout Ontario and to the United States.

He called running your own business an isolating experience. You cannot go into the boadroom to talk to your colleagues, he says, when you are trying to make a difficult decision. "When you're on your own, your family could be a resource," Zworth said. "Friday night dinners could be [a time when you] bounce ideas off them."

Anyone going into business for him or herself should have a business plan, he advised, and should leave full-time employment. Speaking from personal experience, he says, "You could jeopardize the success of a good idea by burning the candle at both ends."

Find out about all aspects of financing and arrange for a line of credit before your hand in your resignation, Zworth said, as credit can be hard to come by when you are self-employed.

He says statistics indicating most new businesses fail are misleading. He explained new businesses sometimes do not conform to their original plans and a business "failure" could mean the company has taken a different path.

$$ Your Finances $$

TORONTO — You have dependents and you want the best for them. You want to make sure that whatever happens to you, they will be able to live comfortably. Buying life insurance seems the right thing to do, but where to begin?

Life insurance is a product you're probably familiar with. You know it will provide some financial protection for your family when you die.

But looking for the right type of coverage can be confusing. You have to take your time and go step-by-step. Here are some questions and answers prepared by the Ontario Insurance Commission that may guide you through the life insurance maze.

Q. *What is life insurance?*

A. Life insurance is one way to provide financial security for you, your dependents or business partners.

Q. *Why would I need life insurance?*

A. Life insurance can serve many purposes. If you die, the insurance proceeds can be used to replace income, cover funeral expenses, personal or business debts, state taxes or medical bills. It can also help you build a savings, investment or retirement fund.

Q. *If I decide to buy life insurance, what should I do before making my choice?*

A. Be clear about why you need insurance. (Who is it for? Is it a personal investment?) Take a hard look at your physical health and current finances to determine a reasonable cost for the coverage you will need. Calculate the income your family will need to live comfortably after your death. Check group coverage you may have at work to see if there is an overlap. Get information about the different types of life insurance available.

Q. *What types of life insurance are there?*

A. There are three types: term, permanent and endowment.

Term insurance is life insurance pure and simple. You choose the number of years, the term, you are insured and the amount your survivors get if you die within that term. Term insurance has fixed premiums, fixed death benefits and no cash value. Coverage expires at term-end, unless you renew.

With permanent life insurance, the most common types are whole and universal. Both offer lifetime protection. Renewal is not necessary as long as you pay your premiums. You can usually cash in your policy any time after two years, but will lose your coverage if you do. Also, your policy's investment benefits may only fully come to you if the policy has been in force for considerably longer than two years.

Whole life has fixed premiums, fixed death benefits and fixed cash value. Universal life has flexible premiums, flexible death benefits and cash value, which depends on your premiums and how well they have been invested. With universal, you direct where premium funds are to be invested.

Endowment combines insurance protection with future savings and pays you a specified sum if you live to a given age. If you die before then, your beneficiary receives full face value of your policy. Because of the focus on savings, premiums for endowment policies are highest.

Q. *What else should I look for?*

A. Once you have decided what your needs are and which type of policy suits you best, you should choose a good company and a reliable agent. Next, examine your benefits and take advantage of your free 10-day look, which allows you to study the policy and cancel it within 10 days and get all your money back. If you're satisfied and buy a policy, remember to review it periodically. Be careful about replacing your policy and carefully examine what charges may apply if you want to cancel it.

With life insurance you cannot afford to make mistakes. You should talk to other people about their experiences and do some research of your own.

Before you sign a policy, remember that your life insurance is a legal document and your signature commits you to everything in it. Complete your application fully and honestly — omissions and lies will make your policy invalid.

If an agent fills out the application for you, reread the form for accuracy and completeness. As with any contract, it is your responsibility to read and understand everything in it.

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Mission yields opportunities

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — Richard Gordon is sold.

In fact, he can barely hide his effusiveness about doing business with Israel.

Recently returned from a week-long economic mission to the Jewish state, accompanied by four other Canadians and 31 entrepreneurs from Philadelphia, Gordon says the business opportunities in Israel "are nothing short of amazing."

"We use the word miracle a lot to describe Israel but the real miracle is in their business community," enthuses Gordon, chairman of The Gordon Group, a Toronto-based designer of specialized life insurance policies.

"They want Western talent and they'll go out of their way to make it easier [for the Western businessperson]. If you want to talk business with Israelis, they'll do it any time of the day or night."

Israel's major demand these days is in high-tech research and development and joint ventures, Gordon says.

The old saw about Israel — that to make a small fortune there one must begin with a large forture — is a "bum rap."

"Israel is primed. There's all sort of business opportunities at all levels. They're willing and able to help. In fact, there's greater assistance there" than in many parts of North America.

The downside to the trip, Gordon concedes, is that the Canadians "felt a little intimidated" by the American participants.

The mission was American in origin. Two years ago, a Philadelphia group drummed up some $125 million (U.S.) worth of business in Israel and this trip hoped to repeat that.

The five Canadians hooked up with their Philadelphia counterparts because of tepid response to a Canadian business mission, Gordon said.

In any event, "we made some marvelous connections and we're starting to plan a purely Canadian mission in the future."

The purpose of the trip was to match North American entrepreneurs with their Israeli counterparts and to explore general business opportunities in Israel.

"Most Canadian businesspeople are intimidated by the idea of joint ventures with Israel," Gordon notes. "There's still concern that there's a Mideast mentality there. Bureaucracy and frustration still exist but they're trying hard to cut the red tape.

"Most people who go unprepared will lose money. But that's the cost of going through the learning process. You need to learn the nuances of doing business there. You have to know what you want and be openminded."

Ironically, he adds, it's been the Labor party that is "unshackling" Israel's economy with a variety of stimulus measures.

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Like so many Diaspora business people, Gordon is hoping to capitalize on Israel's sudden and massive influx of highly skilled labor, in the person of thousands of Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

As well, he points out, there is a move by Canadian business to push for a free trade deal with Israel, as the United States has, or at the least, a Canadian version of the highly-successful U.S.-Israel Binational Industrial Research and Development Fund (BIRD).

BIRD was founded in 1977 with a $110 million (U.S.) endowment and has since provided funding for over 300 binational R&D projects which have generated some $3 billion (U.S.) in sales and $600 million in various taxes.

The success of BIRD has prompted Israel to sign similar agreements with Holland, France and Mexico and talks are underway with Italy and Great Britain.

To gauge Canadian feelings, the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce held meetings with potential participants in Ottawa and Toronto last December. According to the Chamber, the response was "very supportive, indicating a clear demand" for a BIRD-like arrangement.

Fashion spectacular

The Golden Daffodils Fashion Show committee will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a spectacular showcase of fashion designer Oscar de la Renta's fall '93 collection.

The fundraising event will take place in the Canadian Room at the Royal York on June 7 with a luncheon show at noon and an evening performance at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $150 and can be ordered through the Canadian Cancer Society at 975-5585. All proceeds will fund the Outpatient Department at the Princess Margaret Hospital.

The Golden Daffodils Fashion Show is the second largest fundraising initiative for the Canadian Cancer Society, behind Daffodil Day.

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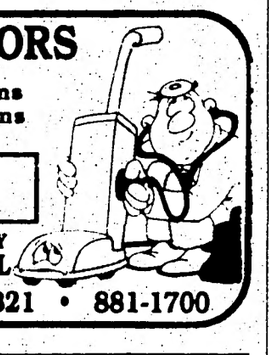

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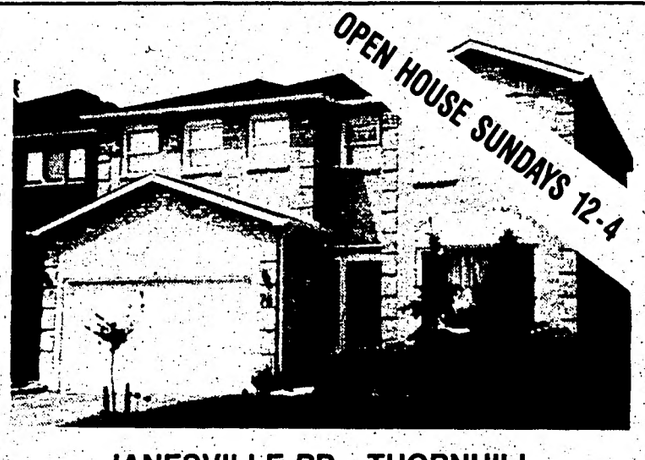

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Modern cities seen inspiring a mixture of fear and pride

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

TORONTO — Since antiquity, cities have been viewed through a split lens. On one level, they are market and gathering places offering bright lights, riches and cosmopolitanism. On another, they are centres of corruption and decadence, ultimately doomed.

That kind of polarized thinking remains to this day, according to Marshall Berman, a professor of political science at City College in New York, who lectured recently at a symposium organized jointly by the University of Toronto's Department of Philosophy and Holy Blossom Temple.

"The romance of Toronto and other Canadian cities is that of a giant mural depicting people of different nationalities and backgrounds coming together and sharing a vision of civic pride. Yet there is also the fear that it could all come apart," Berman said.

He traced the evolution of philosophical thought about cities from the Greeks to today's American Republican Party.

He said Greek culture had two dramatically different models of cities.

The Spartan, or barracks model, was a closed city organized on the austere principles of army life, where all citizens were equally impoverished.

The Athenian model was an open city with the agora, or public square, at its centre, a city that welcomed trade and free expression, where culture and democracy thrived.

"The real legacy of ancient Greece is the agora, this extremely messy, vibrant space where merchants, craftsmen, politicians, philosophers and ordinary people all converged, talked and listened to each other.

"It's important to hold on to this, to reinvent it in our time," Berman urged.

Biblical literature is also ambivalent about cities, Berman said.

He pointed out the Bible's recurring theme of urbicide, the apocalyptic vision of depraved cities being burned and destroyed.

"The Jewish prophets describing the destruction of Jerusalem said God was right to destroy the city. They gave a searing indictment of life there before the fall, of merchants and money lenders seeking riches and success and oppressing the poor.

"It sounds kind of contemporary to those of us who study urban gentrification and displacement," Berman commented ironically.

At the same time, he said Jewish prophets saw such catastrophes as leading to renewal and progress. They had a triumphant vision of rebuilding the ruins, of people learning to seek the city's welfare instead of merely their own.

According to Berman, the ancient urban message that crowds and cities are good, that democracy flourishes when people are concentrated together, was lost during 2,000 years of Christianity.

In 18th-century Europe, during the Enlightenment, people began to reinvent the romance of the crowd and to celebrate street life.

Berman called today's modern city "the mother of invention," in that it generates a new spirit of human resourcefulness, energy, intelligence and survival skills.

As for the current state of American cities, Berman was harshly critical of the role of the Republican Party and what be called its politics of racial polarization.

"In the '60s and '70s, the GOP kept cities starved and desperate. America went through a lot of social disintegration. Many Americans came to believe the city itself was to blame. Cities became the place of the 'other,' be it Irish, with the Jews, the Italians or now, the blacks and Latins."

But he did hold out some hope.

Berman felt the election of Bill Clinton showed that instead of projecting all their troubles onto their cities, Americans are finally recognizing the source of trouble as themselves.

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